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Fighter 'Planes In Action

During yesterday's operations by aircraft of the Fighter Command four medium-sized ships encountered north of Dunkirk were bombed and machine-gunned, despite thick cloud and rain, announces the Air Ministry news service.

As the bombers turned for home a number of Messerschmitts tried to intercept them but were beaten off by the fighter escort.

Splashes on patrol over the Straits of Dover encountered a number of German fighters and a dogfight ended with the Germans quickly disappearing into cloud.

A British pilot said, when his aircraft landed, "Although we did not see any of the Huns crash some were damaged and we were left 'cock of the walk.'"

One of two Nazi bombers shot down by A.A. fire during the raid on Plymouth crashed into the sea only 220 yards from shore. When it hit the water it threw up a terrific column of spray.

SEARCH WAS MADE AT DAYBREAK FOR WRECKAGE BUT THE QUICKSANDS WHERE IT CRASHED HAD SWALLOWED IT UP. — REUTER.

CORFU OCCUPIED

The Italian High Command claims that Black Shirt troops and units of the Italian air force have occupied Corfu. — International News Service.

U.S. WARSHIPS MAY ENTER COMBAT ZONES

UNITED STATES WARSHIPS MAY ENTER COMBAT ZONES IF NECESSARY IN THE INTERESTS OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE DEFENSE, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

He added that the area of combat activities delineated by Germany round the British Isles had nothing to do with United States warships.

They would go into it if necessary for the defence of the western hemisphere but that did not mean they were going in.

In Berlin yesterday, the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" in an article dealing with American proposals to speed up supplies to Britain, threatens:

"PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PLANS WILL HAVE BUT ONE RESULT — QUICK AND CERTAIN SINKING OF AMERICAN SHIPS."

BRITISH BATTLE SQUADRON AT GIBRALTAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A powerful British naval force, composed of mighty battle-cruisers, battleships, at least one aircraft-carrier, seven destroyers and five torpedo-boats, has arrived at Gibraltar, according to a despatch from Algeciras to Vichy.

Planes from the carrier, it is reported, immediately took off ostensibly in conjunction with the practice black-out exercises which have plunged the entire Gibraltar area in darkness. — International News Service.

GIANT NEW PLANE

OFFICIAL PERMISSION TO BUILD A NEW FOUR-ENGINED LANDPLANE, DESIGNED TO FLY TO EUROPE IN 10 HOURS CARRYING BETWEEN 50 AND 80 PASSENGERS, HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION.

The machine will be the world's largest and most powerful landplane, except the B-19 bomber, which is about to be tested in California. It will weigh 43 tons. — Reuter.

Axis Force Spread In Long Straggling Line

THE ENEMY TROOPS ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONTIER, DECLARED THE BRITISH MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT, HAVE REACHED A POINT ABOUT FIVE MILES EAST OF SOLLUM AND HAVE HALTED THERE.

It was difficult to determine whether the halt was due to the harassing action of British patrols, R.A.F. bombing, supply problems or sand storms, he added. The halt was probably due to a combination of all our factors.

The enemy troops are now spread out in a long straggling line from Tripoli to Sollum, with minor groups round Bardia and Tobruk.

The head of their advance consists of three columns—one on the coastal road, and two on the higher escarpment. All three have halted near Sollum.

The German troops particularly, the spokesman continued, are now experiencing the difficulties of desert warfare, namely water shortage, transport problems and that hot dusty wind which, according to an Arab proverb, justifies wife murder if it continues for five days.

Calm Optimism

The situation in Libya generally, the spokesman said, is viewed in Cairo with calm optimism. In Abyssinia the Italians have bolted in all directions following Dessie's capture.

Their difficulties have been further increased by opposition by Patriot forces now arising in all kinds of unexpected places.

An Italian retreat towards French Somaliland would involve crossing a depression below sea level in burning heat by one route and almost equal difficulties by any other available route. — Reuter.

SIMA TO GO ON TRIAL

THE IRON GUARD LEADER, HORIA SIMA, HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO APPEAR BEFORE A MILITARY COURT IN BUCHAREST WITHIN THREE DAYS, ACCORDING TO LYONS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

Sima, who was Deputy Premier in General Antonescu's Government, fled the country when the rebellion in which he was charged as playing a leading part, collapsed last January. — Reuter.

TURKISH DEFENCE TOUR

PRESIDENT INEUNU OF TURKEY HAS NOT RETURNED TO ANKARA FROM WESTERN TURKEY, AS STATED BY CERTAIN FOREIGN RADIO STATIONS, SAYS AN ANKARA DESPATCH TO THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY.

HE IS, INDEED, LIKELY TO SPEND ANOTHER WEEK ON HIS TOUR OF INSPECTION OF THE AEGEAN COAST BEFORE LEAVING FOR OTHER DISTRICTS OF TURKEY, THE AGENCY ADDS. — REUTER.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHURCHILL

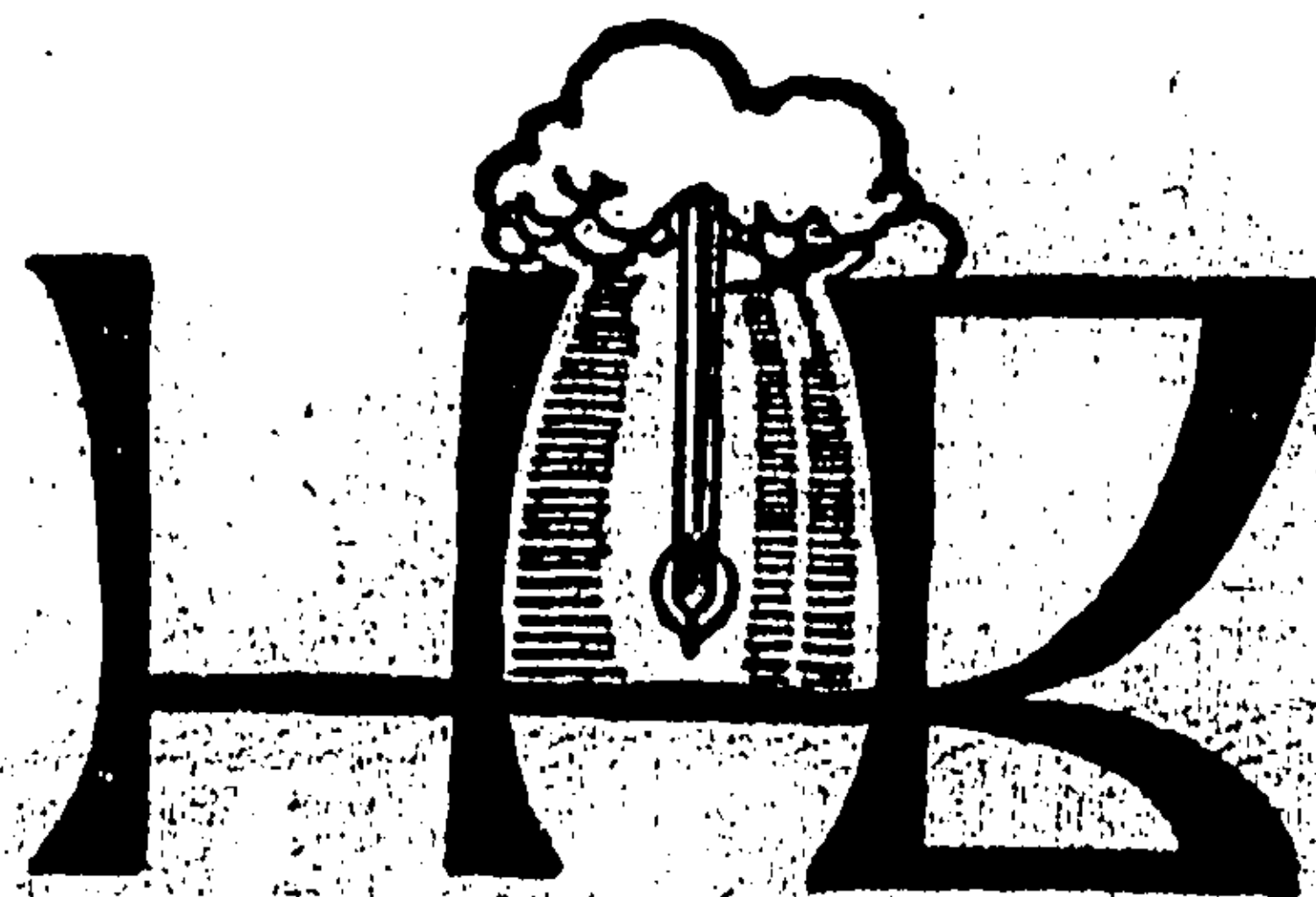
MRS. ROOSEVELT, WRITING IN THE NEW YORK NEWSPAPER "WORLD-TELEGRAM" ON MR. CHURCHILL'S BROADCAST, SAYS: "ONE MUST ADMIRE A MAN WHO CAN TRUST THE PEOPLE OF HIS COUNTRY SO COMPLETELY. HE CAN TELL THEM STARK NAKED CRUEL TRUTHS UNAFRAID."

"That quality of courage is a kind of challenge which calls to the very depth of other human souls."

"Mr. Churchill can use the English language so that it rings and pounds with emotion behind the words in your brain." — Reuter.

I can make no statement beyond that contained in the communique. — Reuter.

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German Victory Must Be Prevented At Any Cost

AOSTA REMNANTS CUT OFF

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Free French motorised column, supported by British forces, which penetrated the south-west frontier of French Somaliland, has cut off the retreat of the remnants of the Duke of Aosta's 35,000 Italian troops from Dessie, says the London "Daily Express."

However, British official circles and London Headquarters of General de Gaulle said they had no knowledge of such an advance from Abyssinia. —International News Service.

Burma Railway To China

A declaration that he was encouraged regarding the prospects of Sino-American cooperation was made by Mr. Quo Tai-chi, China's new Foreign Minister, following his interviews with President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Quo, formerly Chinese Ambassador in London, is en route to Chungking to assume office as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

He declared that American support in the building of a new railway from Burma into China was a symbol of Anglo-American-Chinese cooperation.

He confidently predicted that both Britain and China would "come through the war successfully." —Reuter.

MALTA ATTACKED

Malta's harbours were the main target of two enemy air attacks on Monday night, it is officially announced.

Bombs also fell over a wide area, causing considerable damage to civilian property and a few civilian casualties.

Yesterday morning enemy aircraft carried out two reconnaissance flights without incident. —Reuter.

TOMISLAV AFFAIR NEGOTIATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Italian marines and Customs river police are still on board the Yugoslav steamer "Tomislav" in Shanghai as negotiations for the ship's release remain unsettled.

It is understood the Italians have replied to the Japanese protest over the seizure, and the incident is expected to be settled this week. —International News Service.

OVERWHELMING VERDICT OF U.S. BUSINESS

"A GERMAN VICTORY should be prevented at almost any cost," is the opinion of 84.1 per cent. of leading American businessmen, according to a survey conducted by the American magazine "Fortune," results of which were published in New York yesterday.

Only 13.8 per cent. believed that "if Germany was victorious the world would be safe and at least economically tolerable for the United States to live in without huge armaments."

Only 8.5 per cent. believed Germany would succeed in establishing a new European order "with which it would be possible for us to resume business relations following approximately pre-war methods."

HALF OF THOSE WHO POLLED, FAVOURED DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEFENCE PROGRAMME "AT THE EXPENSE OF BUSINESS AS USUAL."

A percentage of 55.4 disapproved the stand taken by Col. Lindbergh and the isolationist Senator Burton Wheeler. —Reuter.

Absolute Necessity

"ENGLAND OFFERS HOPE OF PROGRESS, GERMANY OFFERS BLACK TERROR. A BRITISH VICTORY IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY."

These are extracts from a manifesto issued by yet another pro-Allyed committee in the U.S., named the Union for Democratic Action, yesterday.

Headed by the Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of the Christian Ethics Union Theological Seminary, the committee includes educationists, writers, liberals, democrats, socialists, radicals and C.I.O. and A.F.L. Union leaders.

Criminal Folly

The manifesto also says "It is criminal folly to assume there is nothing to choose between a British and German victory."

The committee's programme is "whatever political, economic and military means are needed to defeat the aggressors." —Reuter.

MORE SHANGHAI STRIKES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TWO MORE STRIKES WERE ADDED TO SHANGHAI'S LABOUR DISPUTES YESTERDAY WHEN WORKERS OF MILLER'S TRANSPORTATION CO. AND COOLIES OF THE MA HONG KEE GARBAGE CONTRACTORS QUIT WORK.

Meanwhile the French Municipality has hired 50 more Russians for the P.W.D. to assist the 150 taken on Monday.

Early settlement of the P.W.D. strike is unlikely; meanwhile S.M.C. mediators are still trying hard to settle the Commercial Press strike. —International News Service.

TO BE TRIED IN CAMERA

When the trial of two Parsee employees of the N.Y.K. in Bombay, under the Defence of India Rules, was taken up yesterday the prosecutor suggested the trial be held in camera.

Defence counsel agreeing, the magistrate adjourned the case to May 2. —Reuter.

BRITISH GIFTS TO B.F.R.D.C.

Immediate result of Sunday's broadcast by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, which was relayed from Chungking by the B.B.C. and was heard perfectly all over Britain, was a further £500 subscribed to the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

This announcement evoked loud applause at the Fund's annual meeting in London yesterday presided over by Lord Donoughmore.

The Lord Mayor of London then read a letter from the Sino-British Cultural Association in Chungking enclosing £1,840 from Association members as an expression of their great sympathy with the suffering people of England.

Britain's sympathy with China was all the keener since we learned what aggression really means, continued the Lord Mayor.

Total of the British Fund for China now amounts to £228,299. —Reuter.

REPRISAL THREAT

The 150 people arrested on the Lofoten Islands following the recent Anglo-Norwegian raid are now confined in a concentration camp near Oslo in appalling sanitary conditions.

This report was published by the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday, quoting the Swedish newspaper "Trots Allt."

The report added it seems clear that the Germans, who will later try the prisoners by court martial, hope ruthless reprisals will prevent a recurrence of the raids. —Reuter.

RAID ON BERLIN?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The National Broadcasting Corporation's short-wave listening post in New York reported that the German short wave station went off the air for four minutes, indicating an air raid in the immediate vicinity of Berlin. —International News Service.



His Majesty the King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace recently. Photo shows Captain Lord Louis Mountbatten, the King's cousin, and hero of H.M.S. Kelly, who was decorated with the D.S.O. With him is his wife in the uniform of a Commandant of the British Red Cross and St. John Association. (Copyright, Fox).

SUNER MAY OUST FRANCO

General Likely To Resign If Hitler Moves

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE POSSIBILITY that General Franco will be removed as Dictator of Spain and replaced by the Foreign Minister, Senor Suner, when and if Hitler launches an attack on Gibraltar across Spanish territory, was foreseen in informed London circles yesterday.

They expressed the belief that as soon as German panzer divisions cross the Pyrenees from France into Spain, if they do so, General Franco will resign and go to Lisbon and eventually to London, where he may form a "Free Spanish" movement backed by Spanish traditionalist and conservative generals.

Meanwhile, the German military success in the Balkans has placed the Axis in a position to launch an invasion of the Near East oilfields, one of the world's greatest economic jackpots as a major source of fuel.

Military obstacles such as the neutrality of Turkey and the uncertainty of Russia's reaction may delay an actual attack on the Near East, military experts in New York believe, but at the same time they admit Germany's position has been greatly improved by the Balkan campaign.

Oil production in the Near East fields in Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia has been held down to

roughly 300,000 barrels a day, but it is estimated that underground reserves of 20,000,000,000 barrels, almost equal to those of the United States, which is the greatest oil-producing country in the world, are in existence. —International News Service.

PREMIER AND FIRST SEA LORD SEE KING

King George received the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, at Buckingham Palace yesterday, and also granted an audience to the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Dudley

SHARP REBUFFS FOR GERMANS

Heavy Casualties In Incursion Into Egypt Canadian Pilot's Brilliant Exploit At Benina

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Forces somewhere in the Western Desert: Delayed in Transmission)

THE FIRST GERMAN-ITALIAN ATTEMPT TO DASH ACROSS THE EGYPTIAN FRONTIER RESULTED IN A SHARP REBUFF FOR THE ENEMY, WHEN A MOBILE COLUMN ON SUNDAY SWEEPED DOWN THE ESCARPMENT WHICH RUNS CLOSE TO THE SEA AT SOL-LUM AND TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH ALONG THE COASTAL ROAD.

The enemy thus exposed their right flank to one of the most famous regiments in the British Army, and when they came up against frontal opposition they had to retreat hastily to their former positions. They retired under heavy fire and suffered very heavy casualties.

British armoured forces, meanwhile, are sweeping ceaselessly across the great desert plateau on top of the escarpment to counter any attempt to circle round our left flank.

At the moment the Germans are apparently pausing to think where next to direct their own and the Italians' efforts.

A feat which was described by a senior R.A.F. officer as "the most outstanding example of personal initiative and daring I have yet seen," was performed on Monday by a Canadian pilot.

Benina Attack

The pilot, who was flying on reconnaissance in a newly-arrived American plane, saw a large number of Junkers 52's (troop-carrying planes) lined up, wing to wing, on Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi.

He asked his crew whether they were willing to attack, despite the fact that the flight was purely a reconnaissance one. "Sure, let's have a crack at them," was the reply.

He thereupon dived down from 12,000 feet until he was only 50 feet above the ground, and flew straight across the line of German planes, out of which troops were just stepping.

Germans Shocked

His guns set fire to one plane and several others were enveloped in smoke.

The troops, apparently flabbergasted by the sudden attack, had no time to raise their Tommy-guns and crumpled up all along the line.

This is the largest collection of aircraft seen at a Libyan aerodrome and indicates the extent to which the Germans find it necessary to stiffen the Italians.

Great Satisfaction

Mr. Churchill's Sunday broadcast, which is taken to mean we do not intend to accept a defensive attitude in the Western Desert, has caused the greatest satisfaction among the troops, who are not in the least intimidated by the superior numbers against them and who are all as keen as possible to get to grips with the "Jerries."—Reuter.

CLOSED DOWN IN FRENCHTOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Though the four Chungking banks in Shanghai have opened in the Settlement their offices in Frenchtown remain closed. The city's Chinese community still

T.U.C. LEADER IN NEW ZEALAND

THE BRITISH T.U.C. DELEGATE, MR. W. HOLMES, BROUGHT A MESSAGE FROM FIVE MILLION BRITISH TRADE UNIONISTS TO A NEW ZEALAND MEETING OF CONFRERES IN WELLINGTON WHICH UNANIMOUSLY PASSED YESTERDAY A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN, PARTICULARLY WORKING MEN AND WOMEN, ON THE DETERMINATION THEY ARE DISPLAYING IN THE PRESENT TITANIC STRUGGLE.

The resolution further pledged their power to assist in defeating the aggressor nations.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, and several Ministers attended the meeting, to which Mr. Holmes gave the British Unionists' assurance of victory, strengthened by the knowledge that New Zealand workers were with them in the struggle.—Reuter.

TRAMPS BAG SHELTER FOR A DOSSHOUSE

CROUCHING OVER blazing wood fires in vaults beneath one of London's main-line stations, tramps have turned what was intended to be an air raid shelter into a rough and ready dosshouse.

Some of them hardly leave the gloomy, dark smelling caves even in the daytime. Some are old, wheezy men and women. But the majority are fit men who, instead of doing something for the national effort, prefer to lurk round the streets in the daytime and skulk in the caves at night.

Never Done A Day's Work

No attempt seems to have been made to put these wartime drones to work, or to see that they do their bit for their country. They are bone-lazy, a shelter marshal told a reporter. "Many of them have never done a good day's work in their lives, and they don't intend to do any unless they are forced."

shows no confidence in the Chinese dollar, with exchange rates unchanged.—International News Service.

GERMAN FREIGHTER RUNS BLOCKADE

The German freighter "Natal," from Hamburg, has eluded the British blockade and arrived at Santos (Brazil) with 260 tons of cargo, says Reuter from Rio de Janeiro.

EGYPT UNSHAKEN BY EVENTS

"Mr. Churchill's bold warning of dangers to come and his frank admission of British reverses has not depressed Egyptians but has rather stimulated them by the fact that Britain is more determined than ever to defeat Germany."

So declared an Egyptian Government spokesman to Reuter in Cairo yesterday.

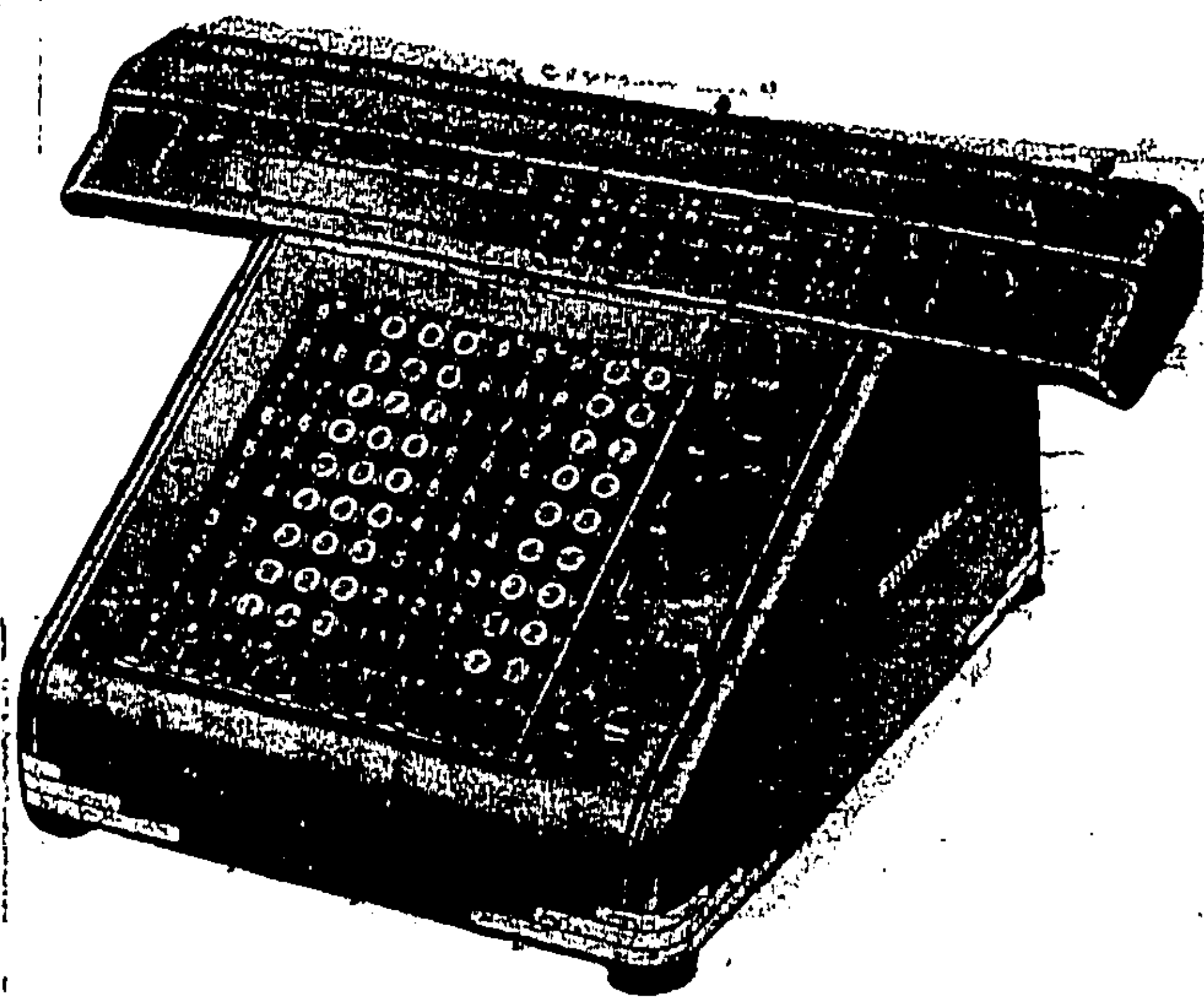
"There is no feeling among Egyptians that the British Empire will split in twain if the enemy should close the Mediterranean, since the exploits of Indian troops in Africa have brought home the knowledge that close at hand lies the Empire's eastern bulwark—India, which is able to produce men and material apart from the supplies continually arriving from England."—Reuter.



Royal Engineers are helping to clear up the debris in the City of London. In this picture St. Paul's Cathedral forms a background to Royal Engineers using acetylene cutters as they work on girders among the debris. (Copyright, Fox).

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FOUR RAIDS IN 8 NIGHTS ON PLYMOUTH: NEW MEASURE TAKEN

A LARGE PART OF PLYMOUTH is to be declared an evacuation area following four raids in eight nights, and 10,000 school-children are to be moved immediately to rural areas in Devon and Cornwall.

Mothers with children, expectant mothers and old age pensioners who wish to make their own arrangements will be assisted to evacuate.

A decision to this effect was reached yesterday at a conference between the city's Emergency Committee and a representative of the Ministry of Health.

Latest reports indicate that Monday night's raid caused widespread damage, particularly in areas already heavily hit, and many were killed. NEVERTHELESS CASUALTIES WERE NOT SO HEAVY AS IN ANY OF LAST WEEK'S RAIDS

Four Shot Down

It is now confirmed that four German aircraft were destroyed during the raid on Plymouth on Monday night, three by A.A. guns, says an Air Ministry communique.

Although there was a certain amount of activity by enemy aircraft during yesterday near the south-east coast there are no reports of bombs being dropped. Reuter.

BOY DIED TO SAVE OTHERS

"Dear Sir,—My son has been killed, spotting. I am sending you his uniform, hoping it will be useful for another cadet."

This brave letter, sent by the mother of Cadet Douglas Prater, seventeen, of Devonshire Road, Stratford, London, E., arrived at Ilford Air Defence Cadet Corps.

But the brokenhearted mother did not tell the full story of her son's heroism.

Four other boys in the Corps had been a few days before recommended for the Cadet Gallantry Medal for their bravery.

Touched by the letter, one of the officers wrote to the boy's employer, manager of an East End chain store, and received this reply:

"Some time ago Cadet Prater left his shelter when he heard bombs falling to give assistance to a woman and child who were trapped by debris. He rescued both.

"Later he was employed by my firm. He was not on duty and should have been resting in our deep shelter when again bombs fell.

"His last act was to leave his shelter to tell people to take cover, and by so doing sacrificed his life, as the shelter he was near received a direct hit, where his own was left intact.

"Personally, I have never met a youth so courageous and enthusiastic and may God bless him, for he died at his post, a hero.

"If you can do anything to bestow an honour on this boy that his dear parents can value, sir, you will give honour and glory to a gallant son of England."

The other four cadets have received their medals. But Douglas may get a posthumous award, for a recommendation has gone forward.

His father is a corporal in the Royal Air Force.

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

The R.A.F. again attacked Junkers troop-carrying 'planes embarking enemy troops at Benina aerodromes, near Benghazi, on Monday.

One 'plane was destroyed and a number of others severely damaged, while considerable casualties were inflicted among the troops, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

R.A.F. fighters shot down a Messerschmidt fighter over Malta on Monday.

In Abyssinia, both the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force continue to give support to the successful ground operations.

South African fighters machine-gunned and damaged enemy aircraft on Gimma aerodrome and motor transport concentrations between Batle and Tandcho.

R.A.F. bombers bombed and machine-gunned enemy positions and trenches in the Chilga area. One fighter is missing from all these operations.—Reuter.

HEAVY ATTACK ON BREST

Attacks by both Bomber and Coastal Command aircraft on Brest, where German battleships are lying, were made without the loss of any aircraft, says an official communique in London quoted by Reuter.

SIREN THEIR DINNER GONG

When the air-raid siren sounds 242 London police horses wait happily for the sequel.

For when the warning is heard the animals expect -- and get -- a spot of food.

On the outbreak of war, the men who train the mounts were worried about the effect the sirens would have on the horses. Bombs and gunfire were all part of the day's work, for these horses have been trained to remain calm in all circumstances.

But the siren was a new noise, moaning from the police station roof just above the stables. So when the first warning sounded, the animals were given a good meal, and they now look on the sirens as a sort of dinner gong.

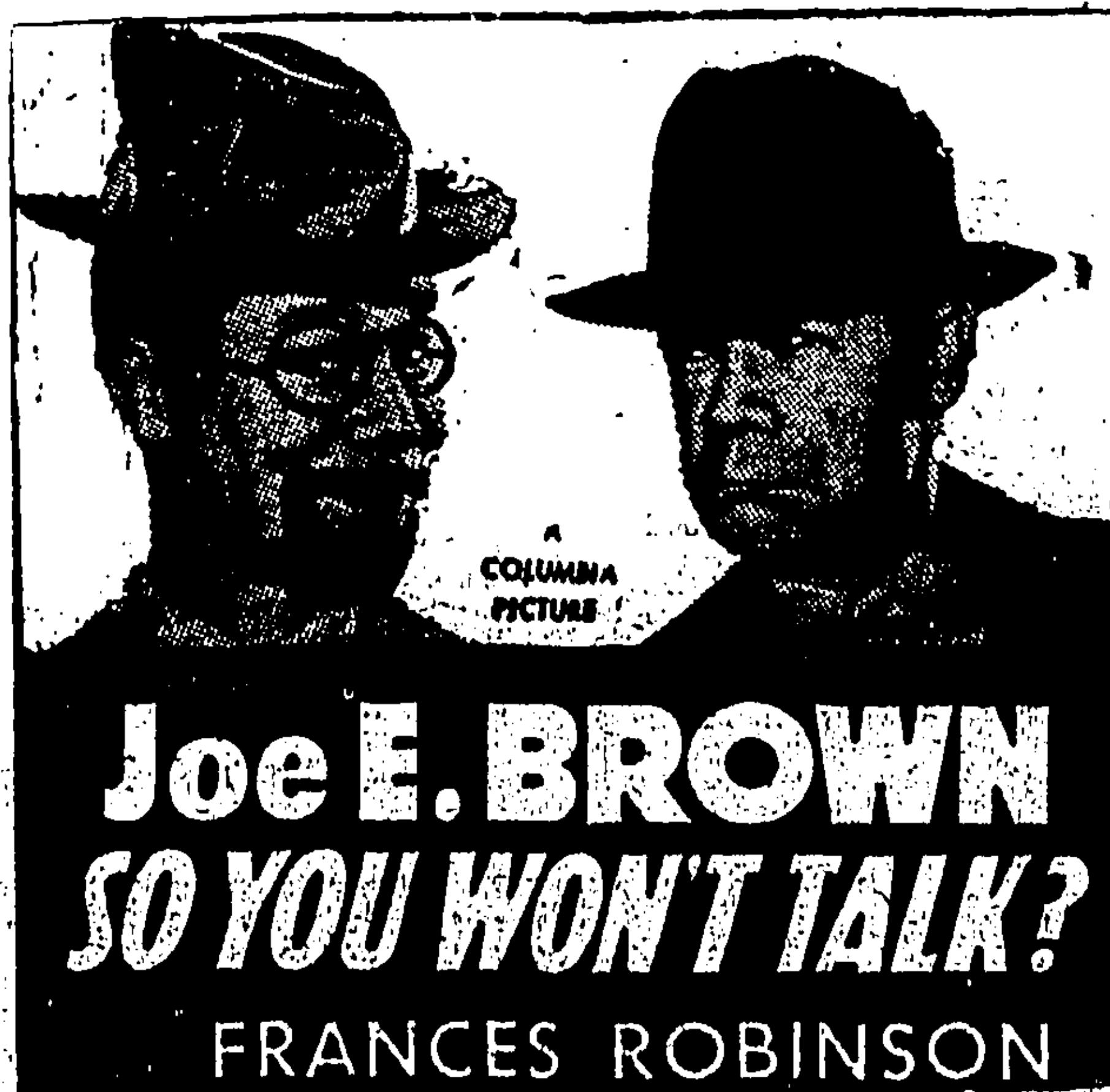
None of the horses has been injured, and they have done fine work during raids.

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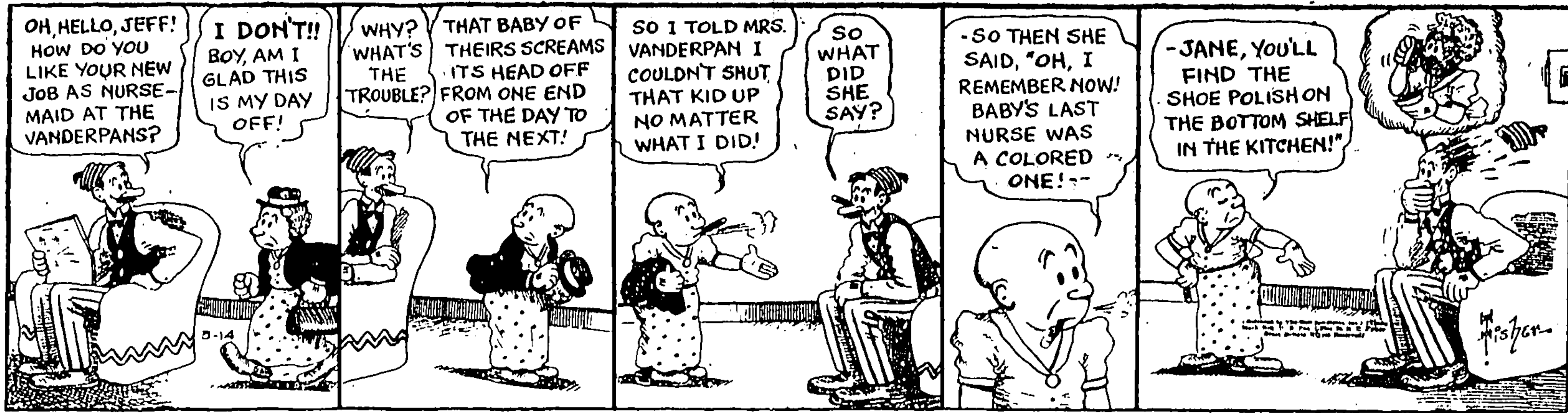
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CANADA PLEDGED TO FINANCE BRITISH PURCHASES

CANADA HAS PLEDGED itself to finance the bulk of British purchases in Canada, estimated at \$1,500,000,000, declared the Canadian Finance Minister, Mr. Hsley, in presenting Canada's third war Budget in the House of Commons in Ottawa yesterday.

Speaking of Britain's difficulty in obtaining Canadian dollars, Mr. Hsley said Britain's deficit in this connection was \$795,000,000.

Declaring it was unthinkable that Britain should be unable to purchase vitally needed supplies in Canada because of lack of Canadian dollars, the Minister said Canada would meet such a proportion of that total deficit as Britain herself would be unable to meet by the transfer of gold or U.S. dollars to Canada.

Mr. Hsley praised the new arrangement with the United States as "a magnificent contribution to our common struggle, not to ease the convenience of the Canadian people."

At the end of the fiscal year Canada's balance of payments with the United States showed a deficit of probably \$478,000,000. Canada's total war bill for the current fiscal year is estimated at \$1,450,000,000.—Reuter.

LINDBERGH'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

COLONEL LINDBERGH'S RESIGNATION FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR CORPS RESERVE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

Col. Lindbergh tendered his resignation following President Roosevelt's criticism of his isolationist views.

The President described Lindbergh as a "copperhead," which is the most deadly snake in the United States.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN TRADE UNIONS' WAR STAND

"The Trade Unions are determined to give 100 per cent support in winning the war," declared Mr. R. A. King, Vice-President of the New South Wales Labour Council, broadcasting in Sydney yesterday.

"They stand shoulder to shoulder with the workers of Britain in defiance of Fascist terror." — Reuter.

Soviet Plays Up Churchill

Without comment and considerably shortened, Mr. Churchill's Sunday broadcast was prominently published in Soviet newspapers yesterday.

Passages given include Mr. Churchill's explanation of the forces at General Wavell's disposal, his justification of the Balkan campaign, the statement that Britain would meet the foe wherever he might go, and the references to the Battle of the Atlantic and American aid.

All mention of Russia and Hitler, however, was omitted. — Reuter.

N.Z. APPROVES

THE NEW ZEALAND WAR COUNCIL YESTERDAY PASSED A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN AGREEING TO THE DESPATCH OF NEW ZEALAND TROOPS TO GREECE.

The Government's decision was arrived at "after a most able and accurate appreciation of the situation," says the resolution, which was adopted by the Council after listening to a statement by the Premier, Mr. Peter Fraser, giving details of events leading up to it.—Reuter.

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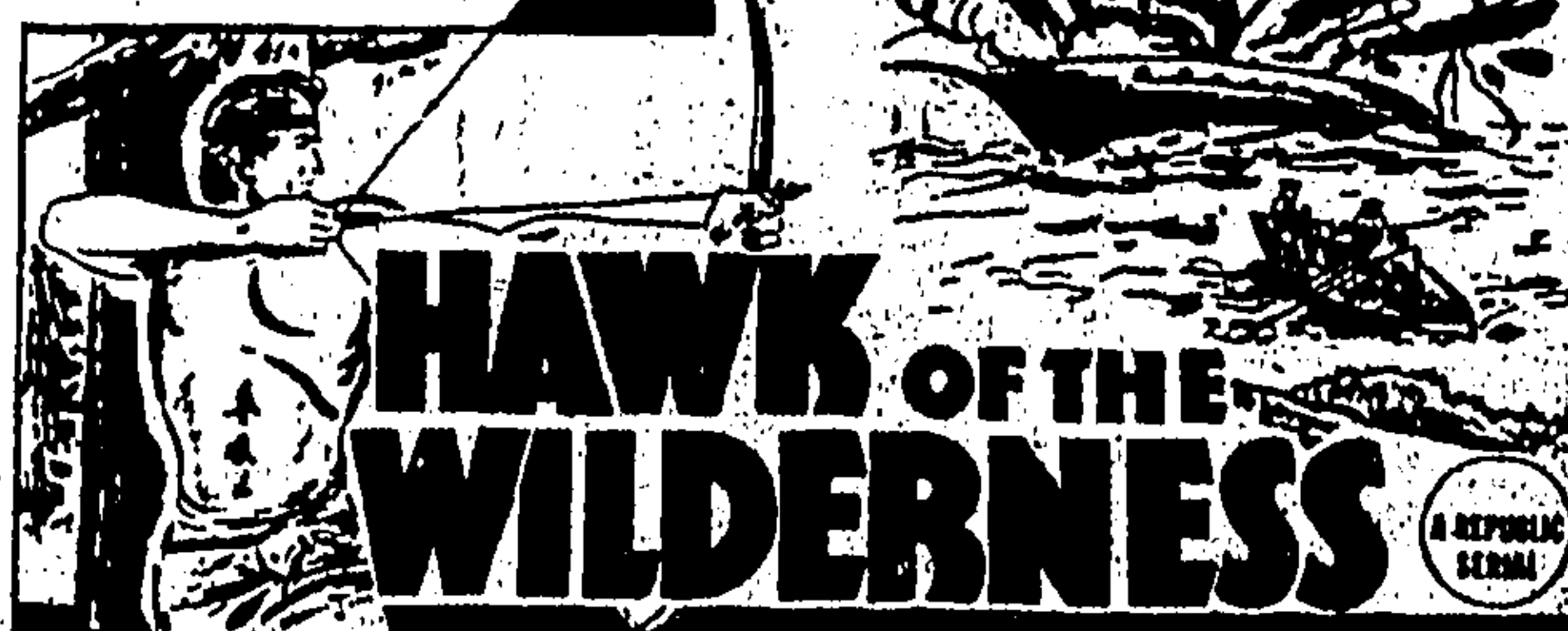
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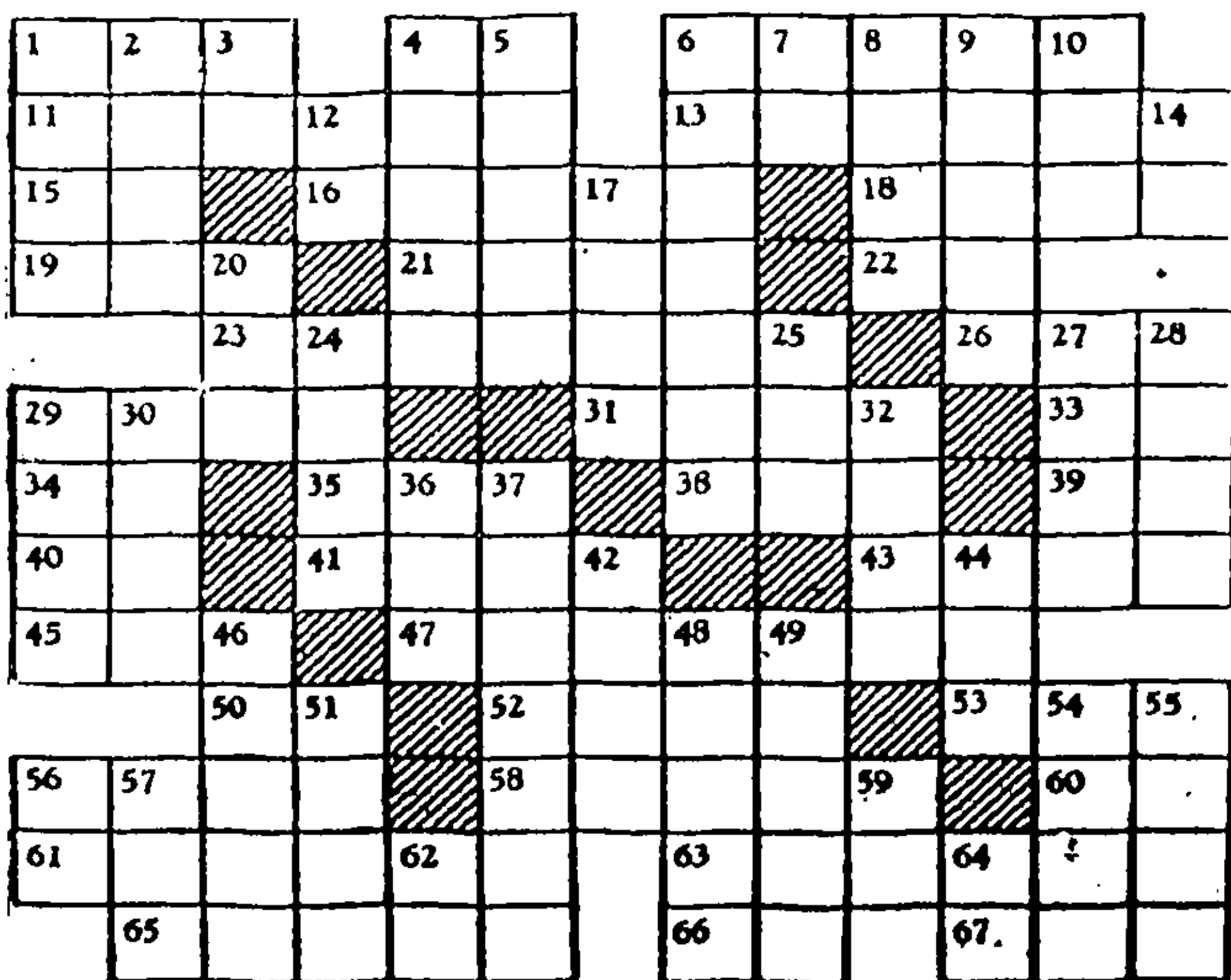
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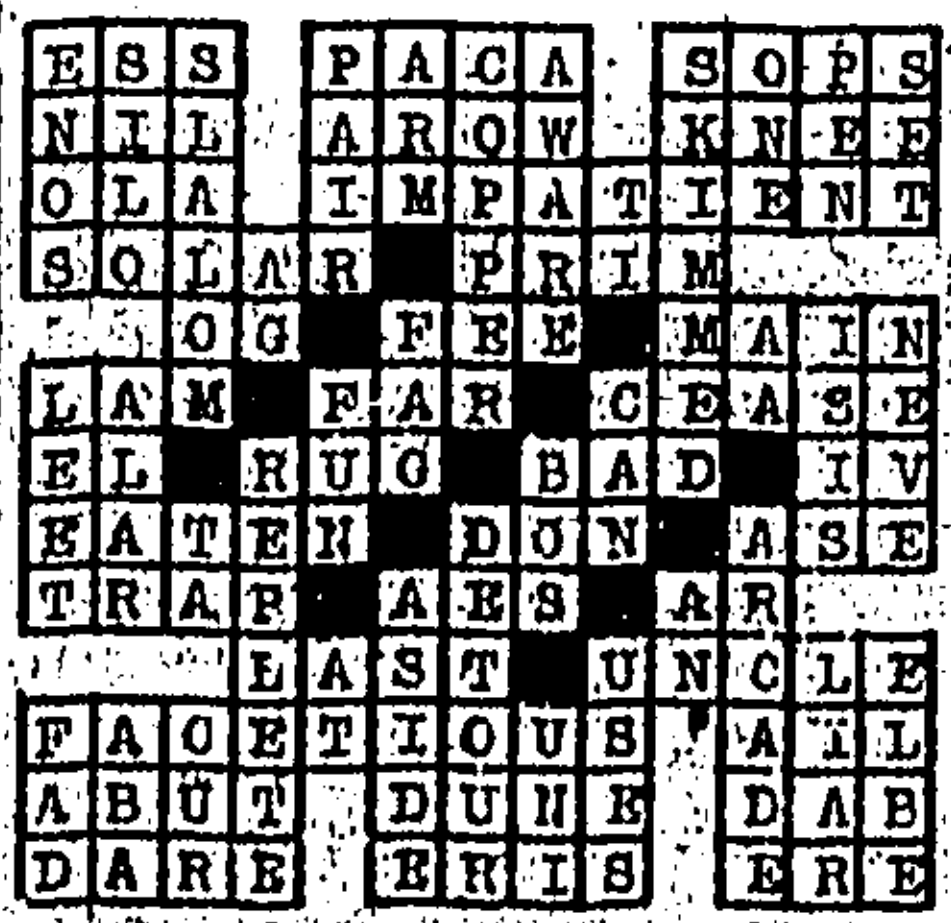
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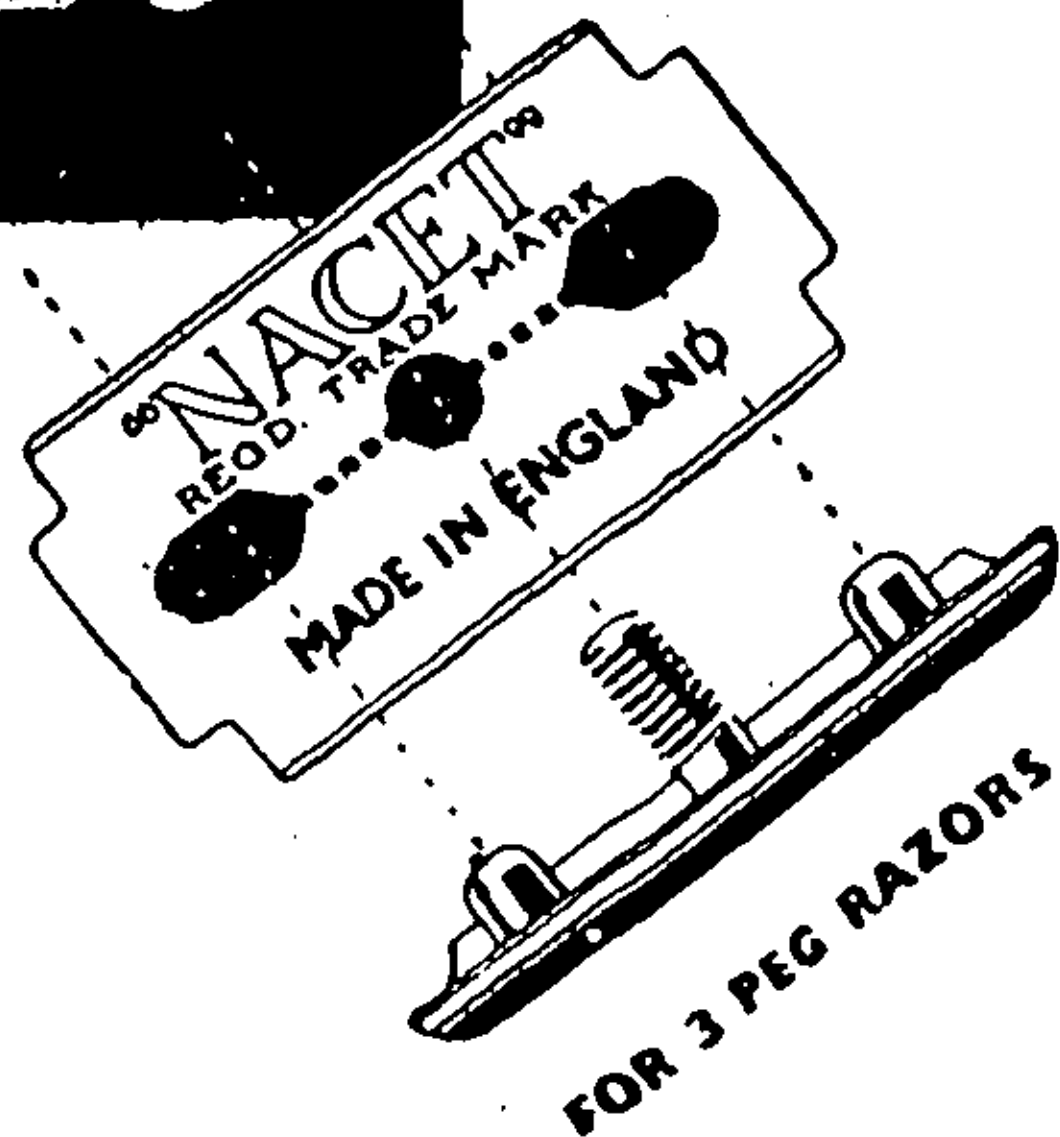
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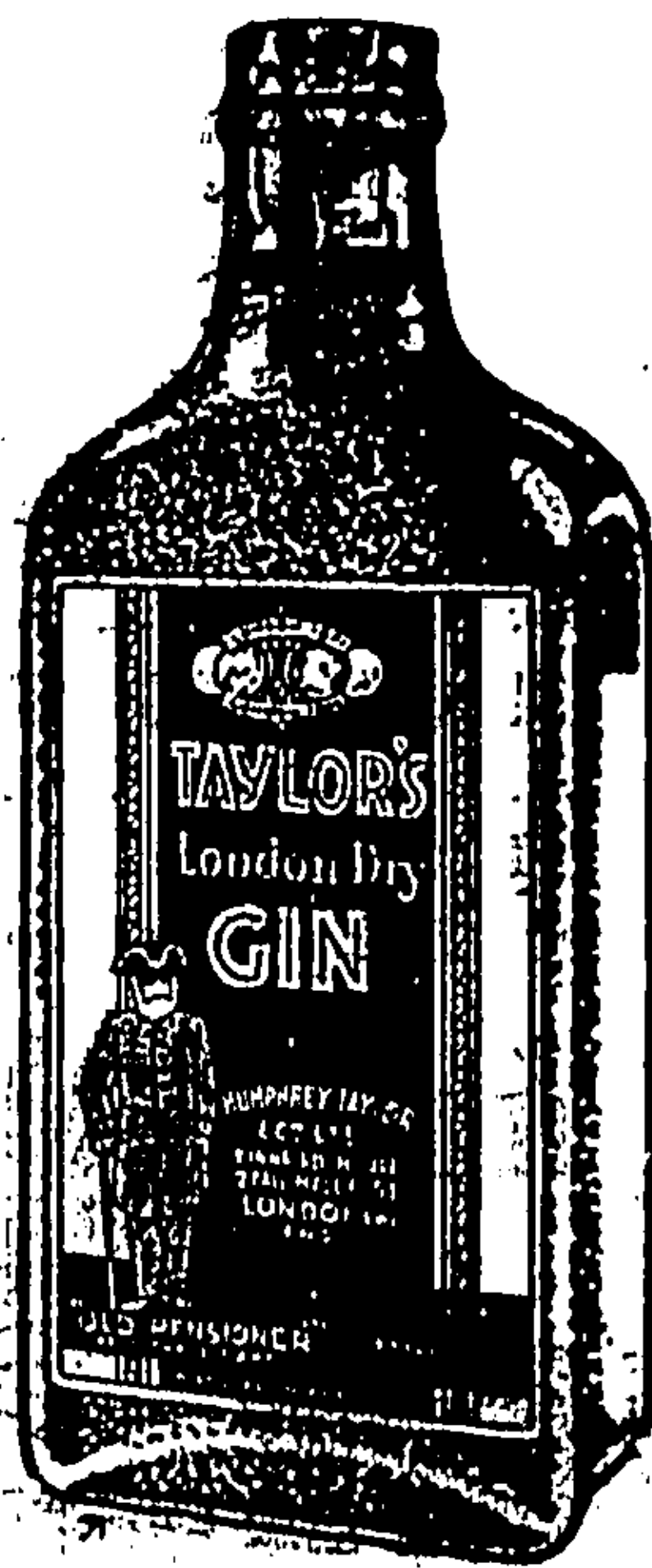
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PREPARING TO REBUILD BRITAIN

LORD REITH, Minister of Works and Buildings, is to form a panel of a dozen to 20 experts to advise on the "planned and ordered" reconstruction of town and country after the war.

He told the House of Lords this, defining his own job as responsibility for seeing that all practical preparations were made for physical rebuilding, a definite and distinct section of post-war problems. And he proposed to ask for the collaboration of professional and technical associations.

Policy decisions would have to be made on the place of agriculture, distribution of industry and organisation of transport.

Local Powers Important

He was authorised to proceed on the assumption that:

The principle of planning would be accepted as national policy;

Some central planning authority would proceed on a positive policy for agricultural industrial development and transport; and

Some services would require treatment on a national, regional or some local basis.

The importance of maintaining the character and independence of local authorities was recognised.

Immediate work fell into three groups:

- (1) Measures necessary to prevent action during the war which would prejudice the reconstruction after;
- (2) Survey of resources; and
- (3) Critical investigation of the system of planning.

Three Test Areas

Under the first heading there was Mr. Justice Uthwatt's Committee of Compensation and Betterment, which had urgent reference to speculation in land values.

An examination of actual conditions in test areas had been started. Three heavily-damaged areas — Birmingham, Coventry, Bristol — were chosen so that the difficulties, legislative and administrative, standing in the way of redevelopment might be shown.

The survey of resources would investigate particular problems, such as the economies of urban redevelopment and revival. There was uneasiness about areas into which industries were being injected for the first time, during the war.

No More "Huge Towns"

The third group—planning—had to be essentially local. The uncontrolled growth of huge towns had produced too high a central density and traffic congestion. Good agricultural land and much of the heritage of beauty had been lost for ever.

Any legislation needed to give effect to some of the agreed conclusions which emerged would be promoted.

"In none of this," said Lord Reith, "should anything be found which diverts Government or Ministry from maximum war effort."

Lord Samuel wanted a new Ministry to deal with planning and reconstruction after the war. He suggested that the proposed Ministry should absorb Lord Reith's department altogether; take over from the Ministry of Health its powers dealing with town and country planning; and absorb parts of the functions of the Ministry of Transport.

Lord Addison said the vital thing was a central planning authority with power. It was impossible to wait until every imaginable difficulty had been the subject of inquiry and report.

ALIENS NOT "HALF-STARVED"

Nazi accusations that Germans interned in Great Britain are being "half starved" were emphatically denied by the Earl of Lytton, chairman of the Advisory Council on Aliens.

GIRL LEADER RAN TOUGHS

Miss Percy Collins, twenty-six, who ran a "tough boys" Sunday club at Islington for a friend who had been called up, is to be one of Britain's new youth leaders.

The National Council of Girls' Clubs has chosen her for training.

The Carnegie United Kingdom Trust has given a grant to the council to cover the cost of an eighteen months' professional training in youth leadership for selected members between the ages of nineteen and thirty-five.

Another girl who has started to train is Miss Ida Hammond, of Durham. She worked first in a dairy and then with the Durham County Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs.

Others are Miss Kathleen Whitehurst, who has spent all her working life with a famous firm near Birmingham, and has qualified as a swimming instructress, and Miss Mabel Bell, a Tyneside milliner.

U.S. SENDS HOSPITAL

A giant mobile hospital, a gift from American friends of Britain, has been shipped overseas from New York by the British War Relief Society.

It is the largest field hospital ever constructed in the United States and has beds for a hundred patients.

R.A.F. NIGHT FLYER GOT HIS THIRD

AN R.A.F. NIGHT FIGHTER who already had two raiders to his credit shot down his third during darkness.

This machine, a Heinkel III, was one of three destroyed over England during widespread, but not heavy, raids.

The fighter pilot, a flight lieutenant who holds the D.F.C., spotted the Heinkel fifteen miles from the South-West Coast.

He got on to the enemy's tail and began "stalking" him—a process which kept him going round in circles for nearly ten minutes.

Then the German turned for the coast, apparently unaware he was pursued. The flight lieutenant followed him.

At nearly 14,000ft. the fighter closed in and gave the Heinkel a long burst.

"The gunner must have been killed, for there was no return fire," said the flight lieutenant.

"I saw incendiary bombs go down as though the pilot was trying to get rid of them and then there was a huge orange flame as the aircraft struck the ground and began to burn." The crew were killed.

In losing three planes the Germans paid a heavy price for total damage officially described as "slight."

The number of casualties was small. There was no survivor from a bomber brought down in the

£1-A-MINUTE TWIN FILM STARS AGED TEN WEEKS

Youngest wage-earners in the United States are the Hollywood twins, Judith and Dianne Fleetwood, aged ten weeks.

They earn £1 a minute for playing the part of an infant daughter with Cary Grant and Irene Dunne in the filming of "Penny Serenade."

The twins are identical, so when one gets tired the other takes her place before the camera.

DRANK TOAST TO 9 GHOSTS

A man aged seventy-nine solemnly raised his champagne glass to nine empty chairs at the last meeting of the No. 10 Club in Frankfort, Indiana.

The last surviving member of this club, John Thatcher, kept a pact made more than fifty-four years ago.

In 1886 Thatcher and nine young friends had a jolly dinner to which one of them brought forty-eight bottles of champagne.

They drank all but one bottle. The young men pledged they would meet year after year and that the last to survive should drink this remaining bottle.

The years passed. The number at this annual dinner grew gradually fewer until Thatcher sat alone at the head of a table of empty chairs.

He ate a hearty dinner. Then, with tear-filled eyes, he opened the bottle and drank to nine ghosts.

Crew Captured

This was the worst raid on the North-East Coast for a long time.

A police constable and two auxiliary firemen were killed and a police sergeant and five auxiliary firemen injured.

Anti-aircraft guns are believed to have destroyed the third bomber, a Junkers 88, which fell in East Anglia. Its crew of four were captured.

In a London district a bomb crashed through into a bedroom where Mr. and Mrs. E. Burton and their eighteen-month-old baby were sleeping. It failed to explode. "We were asleep and did not hear the bomb falling," said Mr. Burton. "The ceiling fell on the bed and the room was filled with dust and plaster. Except for a few scratches none of us was hurt."

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LINDBERGH TACTICS

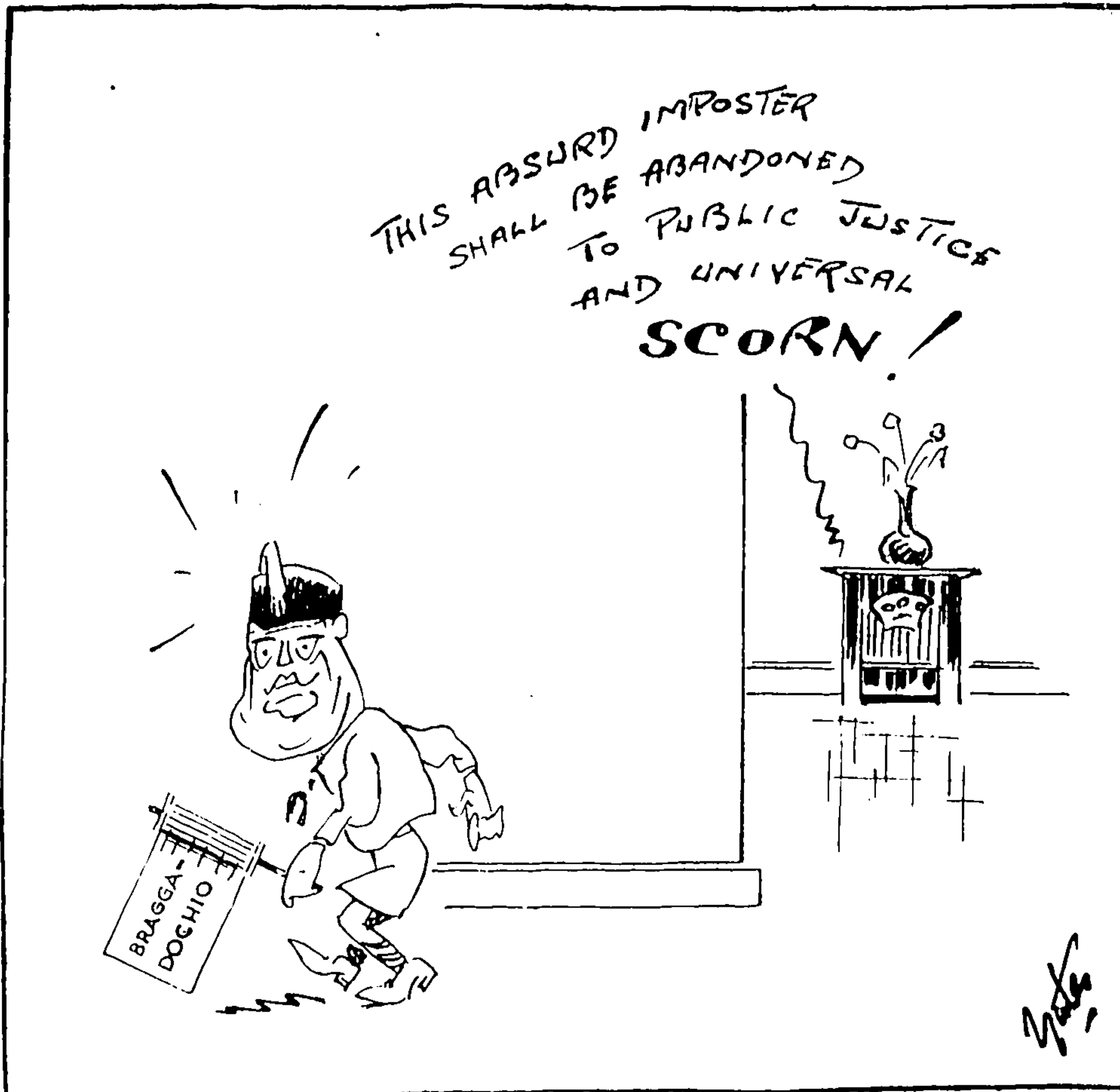
Colonel Lindbergh's letter to President Roosevelt resigning his commission was couched in terms likely to have most emotional appeal to American public opinion. "Copperhead" seems to have touched him on the raw, but the tactical astuteness revealed in the manner of his riposte makes it very clear that Colonel Lindbergh is very conscious of the point behind the President's strictures and that his attitude is unshaken. Colonel Lindbergh has done as much as any individual along the line that delights Axis propagandists and to contribute to the ominous pattern in the reiterated failure of large sections of the American people to catch up with the swift move of events. In August, 1939, they listened gladly to those who said "Germany will never dare start a new war." During the winter months of inaction they wrote the contest off as a "phony" war and thus saved themselves the embarrassment of facing ugly facts. When the first rumour came that Holland and Belgium might be invaded they soothed themselves with the words "Germany would never do that." As Denmark and Norway fell, and the war was brought to their very shores by the issue of Greenland, they chorused louder than ever "This is not our war." When Holland and Belgium were crushed and France fell they hearkened gladly to those who said that it made no difference which side won. And now, as Germany has battered down the last resisters on the European Continent and is within reach of Suez—and Morocco, these same people say that Africa is a long way off, and that what has happened in the Balkans does not concern America.

All this while, with the ruthlessness of the inexorable, war has been marching closer to the Western World day by day. We are not referring to those who are implicit in the policy of aid to Britain nor are we speaking of such acts of President Roosevelt and Mr. Hull as their offer of help to Yugoslavia and Greece and their denunciation of Germany's invasion as "barbaric." Rather are we referring to the world-conquering changes which are implicit in Germany's virtual annexation of all of Europe west of Russia, and in the undeniable evidences that Hitler's aim is nothing short of world domination.

The basic facts have not changed. For months—in fact for years—it has been clear to students of German policy that this was the German ambition. It was equally clear that this could be achieved only by the defeat and break-up of the British Empire. This in turn presented to America a choice between a world in which the dominant power outside the United States would, in one case, be an aggressive, highly militaristic German Empire, basing its world policies on the use of force, and, in the other case, a liberal-minded British Empire, more concerned with preserving the political status quo than with enlarging its powers, and stubbornly believing in allowing other nations to run their own affairs in their own way.

Happily, most officers in the Administration in Washington have been sufficiently aware of the dangers to American interests involved in a smashing German victory to take important steps to prepare against it. But even most of these seem to be as reluctant as the American people as a whole to face the question whether the defeat of Germany can be achieved by measures "short of war." The question is not whether the American people want to go to war. No rational person, British or American would want to do this if it could be honourably avoided. Rather is it if they can afford to stay out of the war so long as there is a prospect that Germany may achieve a complete victory and so long as the customs of war make it easy for Germany to claim territory of its victims in regions whence attacks may be launched against the Western Hemisphere. As yet many Americans are reluctant to admit that this is even a possibility—let alone that it is a danger. Fostered

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"History Grips Us By The Throat" — Mussolini.

Happiness In Hard Times

By
Ivor Brown

A visit to a University in these days is scarcely a happy matter. True, the Colleges are not yet bare, ruin'd choirs; nor are they desolate. Sometimes the bureaucrat has filled up the empty rooms of youth, but there are still many undergraduates, not yet called up, mingling the gown of the scholar with the uniform of the cadet. But what a travesty of that great, gay, confident, expanding life—for so the undergraduate's should be—is this hurried and truncated and over-shadowed course!

Yet how rarely does one find self-pity in those whose entry to college or craft has been thus shortened or spoiled or prevented! The Briton does not often wear his heart on his sleeve or permit the crack of it to be heard in public; doubtless there is much privy and natural anger against the cruel and frenzied world of raids and ruins into which the far too clever scientist and the far less than clever statesmen have contrived to land us all. But not much is said. Youth now has one consolation not shared by its fore-runner of 1914-18: it can feel that it is sharing the danger and the damage and not carrying the whole of it while age and commerce flourish in comparative security. This must surely make an enormous difference; another war for the benefit of safe and pious profiteers would have been insufferable. On the other hand, youth can reasonably protest that its elders had a plainer warning than was given a quarter of a century ago and that they dismally failed to take it.

It would not be in nature for the young person of 1941 to be as happy as was he of ten years ago. Yet he gallantly assumes a morrow and talks of a decent shape for things to come. He has not ceased to think of politics because he has to be a soldier. Indeed, one can walk about the quadrangles of Oxford without feeling any strong sense of bitterness and despair. A kind of buoyancy seems to continue and happiness buds on stony ground. Happiness, after all, is not the de-

by Lindbergh defeatism, they are in peril of following the same wishful thinking that misled many Americans step by step in the earlier phases of the war. The time for acting with realism and for putting an end to half measures is very near. Soon it may be too late.

licite shoot that some suppose, but often as tough as any weed that spreads intractably in the seemingly impossible nook and queerest coign of disadvantage.

The relations of material good to mental confidence are always odd. Pessimism and poverty rarely go together. There are, of course, forever vocal the angers and despairs of Grub Street: the greyness of a Gissing or the self-slaughter of an artist too sensitive to lack of recognition will occur from time to time. But the major pessimists, the railers and lamenters on the magnificent scale, the mighty organ-voices of the grander gloom, have rarely dipped their pens in gall for lack of food and drink. Swift had his sorrows, but he was not hungry, nor was he conscripted for wars which he neither made nor wanted. Shakespeare's mood, to judge by his work, grew steadily darker as he grew more popular and prosperous. He was a far richer, more recognised, and better furnished man when he wrote "Timon" and "Lear" than when he wrote "A Midsummer Night's Dream." And surely nothing in all our literature rivals "Timon" (or at least its patently Shakespearean portions) for its fury of world-hatred.

Few have cultivated self-pity with more sedulous application to gloom (as well as with more lyrical genius) than A. E. Housman, and few have shaken a sadder head over the vain strivings of mortality to make something of its brief sojourn upon earth. Yet Housman had, for far the greater part of his working life, the comfort and security of Professorial Chairs: he had little routine work to weary him and amole time, both in term and in vacation, to prosecute his passion for scholarship. Neither oppressed with riches nor galled with penury, he had no calamities of marriage or the money market. Can one imagine a happier life than that of the natural scholar living amid the graces and amenities of an assured academic position, a man honoured by his colleagues and with no obligation to do any work but that most dear to him? Yet it was Housman who wrote this

epitaph which gives such a sardonic twist to the familiar sentiments about "the flowers of the forest."

Here dead lie we because we did not choose
To live and shame the land from which we sprung.
Life, to be sure, is nothing much to lose;
But young men think it is, and we were young.

Yet why should he of all men have so disprized existence?

Of course, in lives that seem most clearly made for contentment there are the inner stresses and frustrations which deny felicity. It is obvious that happiness, like the Kingdom of Heaven, is within us. Yet that is a most dangerous doctrine to pronounce. For does it not encourage all the bullies and exploiters and tormentors of mankind to give their victims but the scantiest meed of material comfort, on the ground that they can find their bliss in their hearts without benefit of jam on their bread? Once tell the world that joy is an accident or at least an inward function of the soul, and what becomes of fair wages for fair work and all the reasonable consolations of the senses and the appetites? What of liberty, if indeed the aspiring mind outleaps the confining fetters and the walls of stone?

The truth is that the statesman cannot create happiness, but that he can create or withhold the likely means of achieving it. Our Utilitarians jumped a stage in the argument when they talked of achieving the greatest happiness of the greatest number. By doing this they likened happiness to a lump of cake which can be equitably cut up and passed round. But happiness, being a by-product of one's activities, is certainly not a crudely distributable sweet-meat. The Americans who based their Declaration of Independence on life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were talking more accurately than did our down Utilitarians. The pursuit of happiness, the fair chance to join the hunt, that is what a just society assures to its members. It never guarantees the capture. The Blue Bird, as Maeterlinck called it, is on the wing and nobody can be sure of putting salt on its tail. But we can see that all have a fair portion of the salt-supply and the opportunity to go a-birding, salt in hand.

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R.A.F. READY FOR NAZI USE OF GLIDERS

THE POSSIBILITY of the Germans using gliders in invasion attempts on Britain is a matter which provokes much discussion, especially when it is reported that the enemy has transported large numbers of these machines to Norway or that gliders have been seen in other occupied territory.

It is known that the Nazis have been experimenting with multi-seat sailplanes for a considerable time and that the German Research Institute for Sailplaning has developed a motorless seaplane.

A sailplane capable of taking off from and alighting on both land and water has been demonstrated at the Rangsdorf Lake in Berlin. Demonstrations of towing gliders by aeroplane have been carried out from time to time in several countries during the past few years, and Soviet Russia has shown that a flying train in which a series of gliders are towed by one powered aircraft is by no means impractical.

Germany's Pre-War Research

Germany fostered and developed gliding and the science of soaring to a remarkable extent before the war, and to-day the official organisation, the Nationalsozialistisches Fliegerkorps, has 5,000 sailplanes and training gliders. It also controls in various parts of Germany 465 camps and 25 fully equipped gliding schools.

It would not be at all surprising, therefore, if the enemy were striving to develop the glider in some form as a potential weapon.

At first sight the possibility of conveying large numbers of troops and equipment by flying trains seems rather fantastic. Closer examination, however, shows that under certain conditions such a manoeuvre might be successful. In the first place, the construction of a multi-seat glider involves no practical difficulties, and a machine which could carry at least fourteen men, and which would weigh about 6,000lb., could be towed with ease by a normal medium bomber. Such a troop-carrier could be built with well-streamlined form so that it would not seriously affect the speed of the towplane, and three or more machines, coupled by cables, could be towed by one aeroplane. Each glider would be controlled, of course, by a pilot, who would be able to converse with the other pilots by means of a normal telephone arrangement connected to each unit of the flying train.

The behaviour of the flying train in the air is normal; there is little risk of the machines getting out of control through being deflected by bumps, and a quick release gear ensures that trouble developing in one of the train does not bring disaster to the whole.

The Take-Off

The take-off presents the greatest difficulty, because owing to the length of the cable between each machine an immense area is required. This difficulty has been overcome by the Russians by means of brake-controlled drums which are fitted in the nose of each glider and upon which the cables are wound. This arrangement allows the machines to be grouped close together on the ground and to be made air-borne after a brief run. In landing the glider train "disbands," each craft being detached from the towplane and landing separately.

If the Germans are planning to use towed troop-carriers to invade Britain they they probably visualise operations in which the gliders would be towed to a great height and then unleashed to make their approach in silence over our sound locators.

Such an attack might be made at dusk or dawn, when visibility is poor. To approach our coasts at any other time would be to court disaster, for no sailplane, even if armed, could engage our fighters and survive.

Whatever form of glider attack the Nazis may have planned, they will in no way spring any surprises on Britain. Every development of air warfare is the subject of constant study by the R.A.F. to-day, and the towed glider is one of the many devices which for many months has been investigated and tested.

CONVICTS ATTACK WARDERS

Two more officers have been assaulted at Dartmoor, according to reports reaching the Prison Officers' Association.

The first incident occurred some ten days before. It is stated that a prisoner attacked an officer in one of the halls. A mob of convicts then joined in the assault, and the officer was chased to the hall gate. No details are available of the second assault.

Clashes between the convicts are also reported. One prisoner is said to have been severely cut about the face, and is in danger of losing the sight of one eye.

Swallowed Razor Blades

Two prisoners are under medical attention, one having swallowed razor blades and another a needle. They apparently did this to get into hospital and avoid attacks from fellow-convicts.

The Prison Officers' Association may approach the Scottish Prison Department regarding under-staffing in Scottish prisons. It is thought possible the recent escapes from Perth prison were due to this cause.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Home Secretary, has not yet agreed to the request of the Association to receive a deputation to discuss under-staffing.

DARK DEEDS AT LIBRARY

In the darkness of the past few nights, people have been furtively dropping books into a red barrel outside West Hartford, Connecticut, public library.

The barrel was placed there so that borrowers, embarrassed by having kept books so long, might return them without being seen.

ACCUSED OF STEALING SHIP

Charles Gibbs, twenty-six and Thomas Harris, twenty-eight, were charged at Cardiff with stealing the steam tug Nora, value £6,000, the property of John Davies.

They were remanded for a week and allowed bail in £10 each and a surety of a like amount.

500 MILES THROUGH GALES TO JOIN UP

FOUR ENGLISHMEN WHO KNEW NOTHING OF NAVIGATION HAVE ESCAPED FROM MADAGASCAR, FRENCH COLONY OFF THE EAST COAST OF AFRICA, IN A FIFTEENTH TWO-MASTED BOAT THEY BOUGHT FROM NATIVES.

They arrived on the Mozambique coast after fifteen days at sea and will go on to Durban by steamer to join the Army.

They tied the sails to the mast, fastened the tiller, battened themselves down, and travelled over 500 miles through three severe storms.

They were prepared to sail to Natal but the Portuguese authorities condemned the vessel as unseaworthy. In Madagascar, the men said, business is at a standstill. — Reuter.

CAREER RUINED BY WHISKY

The downfall of an R.A.F. air-craftman was stated at Cambridge Quarter Sessions to have been due to a weakness for whisky, which had spoilt his career.

The man, Harold Pickles (33), admitted to housebreaking and theft at Cambridge on Christmas night.

Sentencing Pickles to twelve months' hard labour, the Recorder said that they were not childish pranks that he had pleaded guilty to.

LEFT GOWN IN AIR DASH TO MARRY

SHEILA MACDONALD, on her way to England to marry a bomber pilot, has left her wedding dress behind in her New Zealand home to be made into an evening gown for Britain's victory ball.

She arrived by Clipper 'plane in Lisbon with her trousseau in three small suitcases—the total amount the baggage regulations allow.

The wedding gown and the rest of her luggage is following by boat. By the time it arrives she will be Mrs. Jonathan Neilson.

Pilot Officer Neilson, her fiancé, is an Englishman who met when he worked in New Zealand before the war. He came to Britain with the second batch of New Zealand pilots nine months ago.

Waited 6 Months

Sheila was to follow on the next boat. Her trousseau was packed. Then she had to wait six months for a visa. Jonathan hopes to get special

leave to meet his bride and take her to the altar as soon as she steps off the plane.

When I asked her where she was to wed, she replied: "Any church that hasn't been bombed. It seems Hitler's bombers take it out of churches in England."

"But we'll find a church. I guess my wedding dress would only have looked out of place in a church shelter, anyway."

Sheila is English-born, but has lived most of her life in New Zealand. Travelling with her is a girl friend who is to rejoin her husband, another New Zealand pilot.

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"NIGHT PILOTS" ARE GUARDING NORWAY'S GIRLS

(By A Special Correspondent)

IT WAS OLE and Peder, two handsome, fair-haired young fishermen, real "Vikings," who told me the romantic story of the "Night Pilots"—a tale which smacks of knight errantry and the stubborn pride of the Norwegian people.

Ole and Peder are two of the young Norwegian patriots whose escape from the German-occupied Lofoten Islands, off Norway, in British ships, was one of the most thrilling episodes of the war.

"Night Pilots" is the name given by the Norwegians to a privately formed organisation of men of all ages, who act as escorts for girls after dark, to protect them from German.

Norwegian girls, they told me, walk past the German guards, head in the air, ignoring them. Now that there is a black-out they have their "night pilots."

No, said Ole, with a twinkle, Norwegians were not allowed to carry weapons, but they were tall and had fists. He added, with a grim look in his usually merry eyes, "It is strange how often German bodies are found."

Like many of the men who escaped, Ole and Peder were coming home in their fishing vessel when they spied the British. After that they wasted no time, and without waiting for farewells or even to collect a few belongings, they hailed a British destroyer and asked to be taken on board.

Bullying Officers

Openly expressed discontent among Austrian soldiers who had been sent to Norway, the bullying methods of Prussian officers and German guards; the stubborn refusal of the Norwegian people to knuckle under to their German conquerors were the themes of other stories that were told me.

Tall, handsome Arnvaald, as well as Ole, Peder, and others, told me of Austrian soldiers who spoke sympathetically to them, and expressed the hope that the British would soon win "so that we all get our freedom back again."

"The Germans must know how the Austrians feel," said Arnvaald, "for they take the precaution of putting a Prussian officer with every six Austrian soldiers."

Arnvaald told me he was indoors when someone rushed in to say that there were soldiers outside, and that they "couldn't be German soldiers because they were wearing uniforms of a kind of brownish colour."

Out ran Arnvaald, who knows a little English, and asked if he could come to England to fight against the Germans.

Nils Came Too

Soon, he said, he was surrounded by other sailors and fishermen, telling him to ask the British if they could go, too. Last and youngest of all was Nils, in his early teens.

The British captain said Nils was too young, but Nils would not take no for an answer. "At the last moment, as the ship put off, he sprang on board and came with us," added Arnvaald.

Some of the men had not even waited to get their coats but one young sergeant of 25 was proudly wearing his army uniform—the uniform he had worn in the Norwegian campaign. For weeks this uniform was hidden, waiting for "the day." When he knew of the arrival of the British troops, the sergeant had just time to take it from its hiding-place.

THAT NIGHT BOMBER "CURE"

Possibility that the United States has discovered the answer to the night bomber was discussed after a wireless address by Lieutenant-Colonel Paul French, who said his regiment possessed "a remarkable instrument" for directing anti-aircraft fire to the exact point "where under a given set of conditions, our shells and approaching planes should meet."—Associated Press.

FOUR DAYS A BRIDE, SUICIDE

Four days after her wedding, a young bride was found by her soldier husband with her throat cut.

At the inquest at Hackney it was stated that she did not know that she was suffering from an incurable disease.

The husband, Edward Barrett, said he got leave to marry Maud Beatrice Barrett of Percy Terrace, Hackney Wick. She had been sleeping badly, complained of headaches, and became depressed.

The Coroner, Mr. W. R. H. Heddy: You taxed her with her strange behaviour towards you? Yes.

In Pool Of Blood

On Wednesday morning, when he should have returned to his unit, his wife left the bedroom, and did not come back. He found her lying in a pool of blood at the foot of the stairs.

The Coroner: She seemed unhappy and was rather worrying whether she ought to have got married.

Dr. R. D. Teare said the woman was suffering from a disease which would have proved fatal. Apparently she did not know it.

The Coroner recorded a verdict that the woman took her life while the balance of her mind was disturbed, and said that the disease probably affected her mental condition.

DENIAL BY AIR CHIEF

"As we have been assured that the material damage done in Germany is fifty times greater than that done here, may we take it that the number of people killed and injured is possibly in the same proportion?"

Mr. R. W. Sorensen (Soc., West Leyton) asked that question in the House of Commons.

The Air Minister replied: "I cannot possibly accept that. I have never said the damage in Germany was fifty times greater than it is here."

"Who?"

Mr. Sorensen said one of the Air Minister's colleagues had made such a statement.

There were cries of "Who?" One or two members called out, "Greenwood."

[Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister Without Portfolio said at Colchester that Germany had suffered fifty times as much industrial damage from bombing as Britain had.]

BABY IN IRON LUNG DIES

Four-week-old David Henry Gray, who had been kept alive in a Nuffield iron lung at St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford, has died.

The child was born with a crushed lung through his mother's ordeal during air raids on East London.

PREMIER SAYS "NO" TO CIGARS GIFT

The Prime Minister has asked to be excused from accepting a box of cigars from Newport (Mon) branch of the British Legion, who were anxious to show in tangible form their appreciation of his leadership.

They had asked him by telegram to notify his special brand.

Only in very exceptional circumstances does the Premier accept presents, wrote a private secretary, but he added, "Mr. Churchill is much touched by the suggestion."

GOT £700 WORTH OF STOCKINGS

Clean pairs of heels were shown by a gang of thieves, equipped with a car, who got away at night with a haul of £700 worth of ladies' silk stockings and underwear from Wilson's Yard, The Green, Edmonton, N.

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THEY THRIVE DOWN UNDER

A delicate child from a poor London district has grown five inches since being evacuated to Australia fourteen months ago, says Reuter.

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IT ISN'T BAD LUCK!

By The Four Aces

"Isn't this bad luck?" a friend asked us the other day. "I made a perfectly normal rebid and look at what happened to me. Isn't it horrible?"

East, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
East-West 60 part score

♠ 2
♥ Q 10 7 4
♦ J 9 8 5 4
♣ K 10 7

♠ J 9 7 4
♥ K J 9
♦ A K 6 2
♣ 3 2

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♠ A 10
♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A Q 9 8

♠ K Q 8 6 5 3
♥ A 8
♦ Q 10 3
♣ J 6

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♣	2♠	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West, our friend related, opened the three of clubs and East

won with the Queen. The singleton diamond was returned, leading to the cashing of two top diamonds and a diamond ruff by East. A low heart came next, South ducked, and West won with the heart King.

West next led his remaining club to East's Ace, and East returned a low club.

Poor South had already lost six tricks, and was bound to lose three more no matter what he did! Actually, he discarded the heart Ace and West ruffed. Then West returned his low diamond, East ruffing with the trump Ace. And West still had a natural trump trick.

South lost 1,100 points on the hand, but it wasn't bad luck. It was his own fault, and we hope it taught him a lesson. (The chances are it didn't, however, for most players can give up anything but a bid habit.) He might have complained of bad luck if his perfectly normal bid of one spade had been doubled and set 800 points. But he was just asking for trouble when he bid two spades, and it served him right when he got it.

He should have been warned by West's no-trump bid and by his partner's pass. Of course I was tempted by the hope of preventing the opponents from making an easy game—and he succeeded in that aim. But it wasn't worth 1,100 points.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 10 7 6
♥ K 5 4 2
♦ 6
♣ A J 9 8

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER.—Bid three spades. There is little point in bidding a suit before raising spades, because your strength is general rather than localised.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for two clubs, 40% for two hearts.

Question No. 703

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q J 8 5
♥ K J 8 6
♦ J
♣ K 10 6

The bidding:

Maier	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♥	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ONE-MAN STATE ---SO HE SAYS

It's the same old world in the United States. These stories of a one-man kingdom, a corset strike and the animals' fortune-teller were cabled by John Walters from New York.

Alexander Reichert, twenty-nine, of Chicago, has "seceded" from the United States and declared himself to be an independent kingdom with himself as sovereign.

This self-proclaimed one-man State appeared before a conscription appeal board to argue that he could not be drafted for the American Army.

"I notified the Department last October that I had seceded from the United States," said Alexander. "As I am no longer an American citizen I regret I cannot serve in your army."

"I am now a member of the kingdom of Alexander, of which I myself am king."

The one-man Sovereign State was ordered to appear before a board of mental experts.

Girl strike pickets, parading only in corsets, caused a storm of protest among shocked citizens of Detroit, Michigan.

Police prevented angry middle-aged women from mobbing the girls, as they smilingly walked the pavements outside the premises of the American Lady Corset Corporation.

Astrologer to animals, Mrs. Dorothea Pratt is doing a roaring business among wealthy owners in New York.

All day she sits in her little office busily casting the horoscopes of animals that include dogs, cats, horses, cows, monkeys and rabbits.

Breeders come to Mrs. Pratt for assistance in selecting the right mates for their dogs and cats.

BLITZED— BUT BESSIE CARRIES ON

Mrs. Bessie Angell is a British woman who won't be beaten by Nazi bombs. Her invincible spirit in the face of cruel misfortune is an inspiration to the women—and men—of Britain.

It has won the admiration of Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, who has sent her a letter expressing his sympathy.

Her husband, Mr. Robert Herbert Angell, landlord of the Pound Tree Inn, Southampton, was killed by a bomb which fell outside the inn. Mrs. Angell bravely decided to carry on. The day after her husband's funeral she reopened the bomb-damaged inn.

That night the Luftwaffe struck again. The inn was hit by incendiary bombs and destroyed. Danny, her pet Alsatian, perished in the fire.

Still In Business.

The premises under which she had taken refuge were demolished by a bomb.

But she is still in business—at the bomb-damaged Osborne Hotel, Shirley.

"When I lost my husband, my home and business," she told a reporter "I almost decided to join my sister in America. It was a fine broadcast speech by the Prime Minister that decided me to stay put."

"I was so impressed by his words that I wrote to him."

And this is the reply Mr. Churchill sent through his secretary:—

"The Prime Minister has asked me to tell you how very deeply he appreciated your kind letter. He feels it especially encouraging to receive such a tribute from one who has suffered so much at the hands of the enemy. He sends you all his sympathy in your great misfortune."

RAILINGS GO

The railings around the lawns in Parliament square, London, have been scrapped. They have provided about 15 tons of metal, which is now being processed for use in tanks, ships or guns.

IN FIRE PERIL— STAYED

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

"Go away! I haven't time to talk. I've got work to do." This was the reply of a volunteer raid warden, Vera Grover, when firemen rushed in to her post to tell her that a burning church steeple might fall on her at any moment.

Her colleagues wanted to report her bravery that night. She would not let them. They tried to make her a presentation. She would not take it.

Deputy Post Warden E. H. Berry told me of it.

Dive Under Table

"When the fire started in the church vestry," he said, "we dashed in and put it out. But more incendiaries came down, followed by H.E.s, and the church blazed fiercely.

"Miss Grover was alone in the post at the telephone. Firemen tried to persuade her to leave. She ignored them. I was arguing with her, warning her the post was probably doomed, when a bomb whistled down.

"She dived under the table and I dived into a corner. All the windows were blown in and the lights went out. We crawled out of the debris. I got a candle alight to show Miss Grover the way out. She refused to go. A few minutes later an order came through to abandon the post. Then, at last she put that telephone down and walked out.

"Just afterwards the church steeple crashed—but, by chance, it fell across the road and not across the house."

Miss Grover, a Civil Servant, lives in the country, but comes to town to do her duty.

I talked to her about the raid.

Then, the telephone rang. "Go away," she smiled. "I haven't time to talk I've got work to do."



**Toys do not always
quieten the
cross' baby**

Graduate nurse, talks of
treatment used for her
own baby girl.

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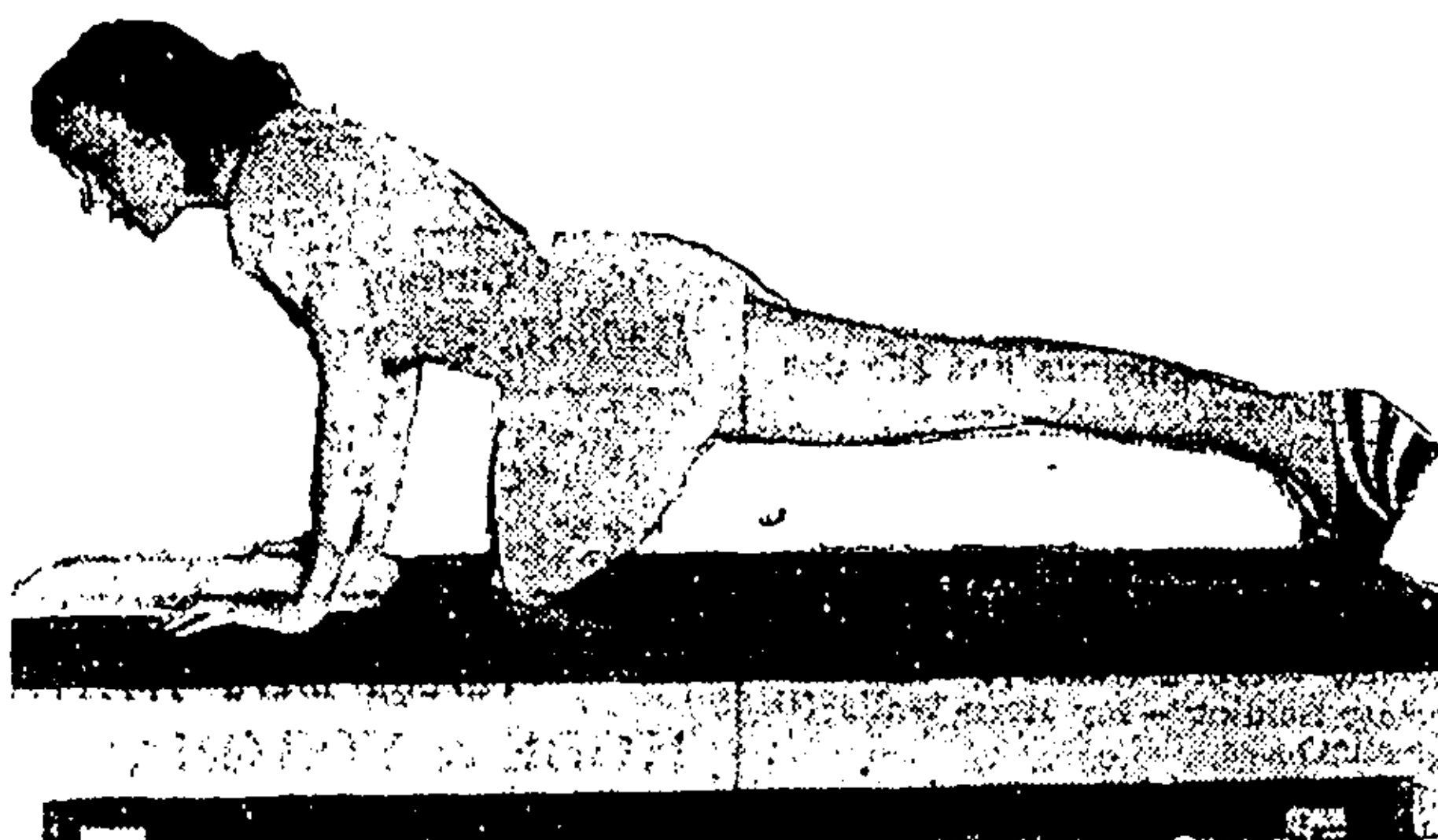
A PAGE FOR WOMEN Smooth Figure Bulges

You can if you want to — streamline your figure in two weeks, but it does require exercising at least one half hour each day and cutting down on food. No in-between meal snacks, no alcohol, no sweet desserts, almost no starches and meat only twice a week. And here is your daily exercise schedule.

Exercise 1: Lie on your back with legs and arms stretched wide. Keeping both knees straight swing your right leg across your body to your left hand but do not let your toes touch it or the floor. Swing back to position. Use every muscle in your thighs and abdomen as you stretch. Repeat five times. Then swing your left leg to your right hand five times.

Exercise 2: Lie stretched out on the floor. Extend heels, come up to sitting position KEEPING KNEES STRAIGHT and touch toes with fingers. This requires a good stretching. Then slowly, slowly, lower your upper body to the floor again, as if you were rolling out one vertebra at a time. Floor arms overhead and relax a second or two, and then repeat. Ten times in all.

Exercise 3: Kneel and stretch arms up in the air. KEEP AB DOMEN IN as you drop both thighs right to floor with a thump, rise to kneeling position again and then drop both thighs left with a thump to the floor. This requires a twist at the waistline as you



To reduce fatty back. Slowly raise and lower yourself, keeping knees straight, and head back.

go from right to left to right, etc. Fall down on the fatty part of each thigh — that is what reduces!

Exercise 4: Kneel on one leg, stretch other leg out straight at side. Stretch both arms overhead high and then swing them in a big circle clockwise five times, counter-clockwise five times. Reverse leg positions and repeat.

Exercise 5: Lie stretched out on the floor, arms relaxed, shoulders flat. Now without budging your shoulders from the floor

(twist lower body over right then back to left, etc., fifty times. Swing rapidly and swing far — and roll over and back on the fatty parts of your buttocks. Increase times up to one hundred and fifty per day.

Every single day walk at least two miles, or five if you have the time. Wear loose clothing and low heels. If you cannot walk, jump rope out in the open for ten or fifteen minutes, resting whenever you feel breathless.

These DOUBLE-UPS unite meat course and salad in one dish

As mother used to say, "Nothing so rejoices my soul as finding a way to make one dish take the place of two." That's the way it is with meat and chicken salads. They're meat course and salad combined.

For luncheon or supper parties I often serve such double-up dishes. For them I start fresh with meat and chicken specially cooked for the occasion.

At other times, though, this same type of main course salad is a marvellous way to end Sunday's roast with a flourish and use up those odds and ends of cooked vegetables reposing lonesomely in the refrigerator.

Now meat, chicken or fish are dry. Therefore, to give them relish and zest in a salad, marinate them awhile beforehand in salad dressing. And the character of that dressing makes all the difference between just a so-so salad and a glory-glory one.

The dressing I like for many of my meat salads is sharp and given extra flair and flavour by tomato soup. . . you know, the condensed kind that comes thick from the can, like sauce. But here is the whole story on two of these salads:

Meat And Vegetable Salad

- 2 cups cooked pork, cut in 1/4 inch cubes
- 1/2 cup French Dressing with Tomato
- 1 cup cooked green peas
- 1/2 cup celery, diced

- 6 tablespoons salad dressing or mayonnaise

Cut roast loin of pork or roast fresh ham into 1/4 inch cubes. Pour the "French Dressing with Tomato" over the meat, and put in refrigerator for 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Then add the cooked green peas and diced celery and just before serving mix well with salad dressing or mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce, watercress, or other salad greens. Or place in centre of tomato jelly ring. Serves 6.

French Dressing With Tomato

- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup salad oil
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 2/3 cup condensed tomato soup

Mix together the dry mustard and salt. Then add the remaining ingredients and beat with the rotary egg beater until thoroughly mixed. Makes approximately 2 cups dressing.

And this same dressing is equally delicious when blended with chicken:

Chicken Avocado Salad

- 3 cups chicken, cut in 1/4 inch cubes
- 1/2 cup French Dressing with Tomato
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 1 cup avocado pear, diced
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice



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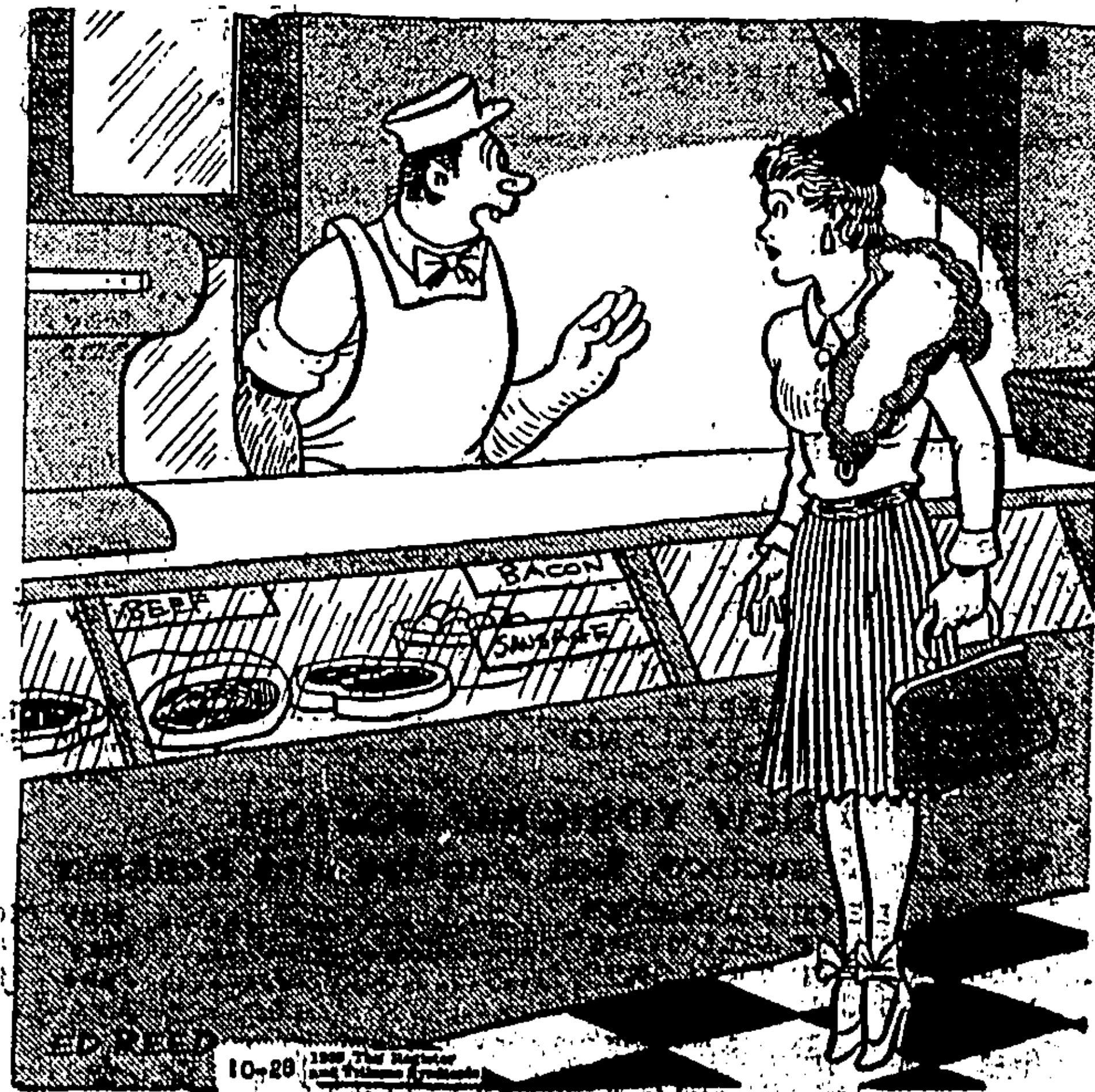
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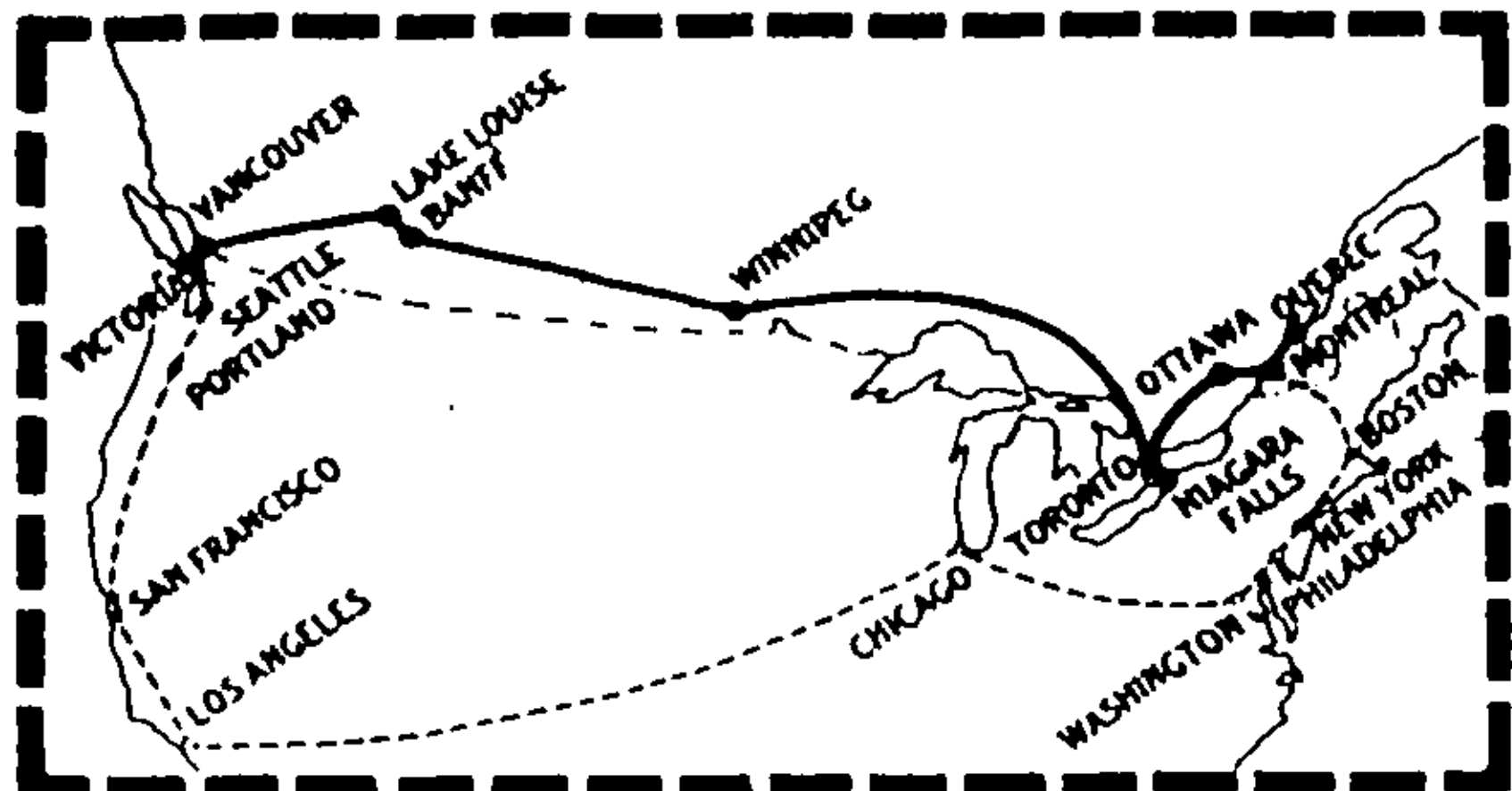
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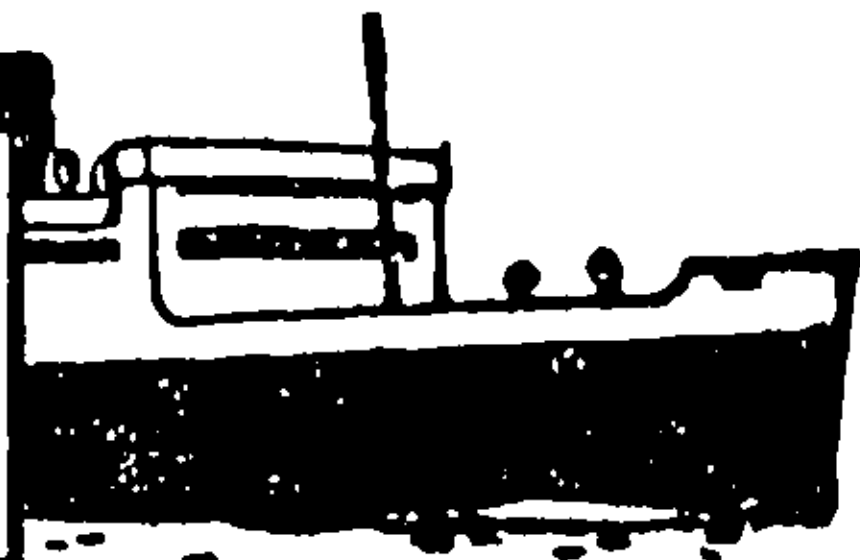
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12.30 p.m.—Teddy Foster and His Kings of Swing with Maximo Sullivan (Vocal).

Fox-Trots—Pennies From Heaven; The Skeleton in the Cupboard (both film "Pennies From Heaven"); Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing (film "Naughty but Nice"); Corn Pickin' (film "Naughty but Nice"); Maximo Sullivan (Vocal).

Fox-Trots—Swanee; Ole King Cole; Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing; The Folks Who Live on the Hill; Maximo Sullivan (Vocal) with Orch. Quickstep—With A Banjo on my Knee; Blues—Where the Lazy River Goes By; Teddy Foster his Kings of Swing.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal—Goldlocks & The Three Bears (Carr, Kennedy); Waltz for Those in Love (Carr, Kennedy); The Street Singer (Arthur Tracy); Vocal "Home & Beauty"—A Nice Cup of Tea (Herbert & Sullivan); Love Me a Little To-day (Herbert and Sullivan); Binnie Hale with Orchestra.

Accordeons—Melody of Love (Arale & Davis); Vagabond Fiddler (Damerell & Myers); The Gypsy Accordeon Band with Vocal Chorus; Vocal Moonlight Down in Lover's Lane (Pitman & others); One Minute to One (Coots & Lewis); Derickson and Brown; Vocal "Merry Melody" Music Fun Romance (Maschwitz & Sherwin); Binnie Hale with Organ Accompaniment.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.

Second Rhapsody (George Gershwin); Heart and Soul (from film "A Song is Born"); While a Cigarette Was Burning (Charles & Nick Kenny); When Day is Done (De Sylva, Katscher); "The Merry Widow" Waltz (Lehar); "The Chocolate Soldier"; My Hero Waltz (Strauss).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Bizet Programme.

"Carmen" Fantasia—The Chailot-Lenburg Opera Orchestra.

1. Still Seem To Hear ("The Pearl Fishers"); Luigi Fort (Tenor).

The Fair Maid of Perth—Suite. (1) Prelude; (2) (a) Aubade, (b) Serenade; (3) March; (4) Gypsy Dance.

Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orch.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Half an Hour of Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trot—Moonlight & Roses; Quickstep—Something Tells Me.

Henry Jacques & his Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.

Tangos—Love's Loneliness; Nora; George Boulanger & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Rainbow on the River; On A Little Bamboo Bridge; Billy Bissett & his Orchestra.

Waltzes—Throw Open Wide Your Window; Espana; Sydney Kyte & his Piccadilly Hotel Band.

Fox-Trot—The Girl Who Loves a Soldier; Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

8.02 p.m.—Light and Humorous Variety.

Vocal—Give A Little Whistle; Turn on the Old Music Box (both from film "Pinocchio"); Arthur Askey with Orchestra.

Vocal—Nice, Kind Sergeant-Major (Burnaby, Long); In Our Village A.R.P. (James, Long); Norman Long.

Piano—Carroll Calls the Tunes—Intro: Begin the Beguine; Love is All; Memories Live longer than Dreams; In a Moonboat; I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire; Carroll Gibbons.

Vocal—Roll Along, Covered Wagon (Kennedy); Walsh & Barker.

Comedian—"E's A Wonder (Burnaby); Souped 'errings (Burnaby); Will Kings.

Comedienne—Florrie Forde Old Time Medley; Florrie Forde with Chorus & Orchestra.

Trio—A Choice of Colour—Intro: Pink Lady Waltz; A Brown Bird Singing; Over the Rainbow; Coal Black Mammy; Two Eyes of Grey; My Blue Heaven; Albert Sandler Trio (Albert Sandler—violin; Reginald Kilby—cello; Jack Byfield—piano).

Vocal—Duetlists—Ding Dong, Ping Pong (Walsh & Dundas); Daisy, Tessie & Mabel (Walsh); Walsh and Barker with Piano.

Entertainer—S-M-Y-T-H-E (Pounds & Long); Norman Long at the Piano.

Vocal—Kiss Me Goodnight, Sergeant Major (Noel & Pelosi); How Ashamed I Was (Sarony & Holmes); Arthur Askey with Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News & News Commentary.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Letter from Free China.

9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Ravel.

Sonata for Piano—1st Mov.; Moderato; 2nd Mov.; Menuet; 3rd Mov.; Animer; Alfred Cortot (Piano).

Nicolette; Ronde; The Lyons Mixed Chorus.

Piece en Forme de Habanera; Maurice Mareschal (Cello); Trois beaux oiseaux de Paradis; The Lyons Mixed Chorus.

Scarbo ("Gaspard de la Nuit" No. 3); Walter Gieseking (Piano).

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—Studio—The Third of a Series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and Today, with excerpts from Famous Plays by the Studio Playboys. Arranged by Evelyn Wood.

10.35 p.m.—Arntzenius—At the Court of Frederick the Great—Musical Antiqua; Speakers: N. Dalton, C. Barrett, N. Angler, H. Barton, directed by Nicholas Roth.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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ALL-TAFFY UNIT PLAN

Taffy Tommies—Welshmen who have been called up but cannot speak English—may be formed into special all-Welsh-speaking squads.

Worried commanding officers, who cannot get their orders carried out because their men can't understand them, are applying to the War Office for a solution of the problem.

If special Welsh squads are formed they will be under the supervision of Welsh-speaking officers.

A large percentage of Welshmen in recent calls-up—miners, farm workers and labourers—have been taken for training in A.A. infantry units and mobile column units.

Lessons In English?

A number of these men who have been posted outside Wales say that, even if they are not out in Welsh-speaking squads, they would prefer to be among their own people, who can understand them.

One suggestion made to meet this situation is that lessons in English should be given Welsh-speaking soldiers as part of their military training.

"There is only a very small percentage of Welshmen who cannot speak English," a War Office official said.

"No plans have yet been made but where there are a number of Welshmen posted together it is likely they would be formed into squads of their own."

GIRL BEHIND THE YASHMAK

Miss Lila Sloan's idea—to popularise the face-mask by making it attractive as well as hygienic—is expected to cause a boom in the fashion world.

It will bring an Eastern touch to coming wartime fashion.

Recently Miss Sloan, buyer at Harrods' artificial flower and head dress department, was chatting to a doctor friend about the Government's intention to issue germ-shields to shelterers.

"Why not make them attractive?" she said. Make them yashmaks.

She was invited to the Ministry of Health, where she went round the research department, and the hygienic yet fashionable face veil was evolved.

At Harrods some of these veils were on sale.

"They are made of coloured chiffon with a special fine kind of disinfected lining," Miss Sloan told the "Daily Mirror."

"They look most attractive when worn with hats or even for evening wear."

"I am having them made in all colours and designs."

"Before we had them on sale I discussed the possibilities with the Ministry of Health."

SAW ROAD CRASH: WOMAN GETS £700

A WOMAN WHO claimed to have been in a state of collapse since she saw a road accident was awarded £700 at Norfolk Assizes. It was suggested during the hearing of the case that if a bomb fell near the woman in an air raid it might be the means of curing her.

The woman, Mrs. Esther Primrose Englestown, of Sunnyside Bungalow, Tacolustone, near Norwich, sued for damages the Rev. Geoffrey Ewart Sheard, of The Walk, Norwich, and Frederick Herbert Hardy, of Mill Farm, Old Buckenham, Norfolk, a haulage contractor.

Her case was that in February, 1937, she was walking on a footpath and that Mr. Sheard drove his car negligently from a side road, causing a collision with a motor-lorry driven by Mr. Hardy, and then mounting the footway on which she was walking. She was not hit by either vehicle.

Sir Charles Doughty, K. C., for Mrs. Englestown, described the case as "unique in its circumstances."

"Mrs. Englestown's nervous condition at present is deplorable, and she has had to be examined on commission," he said. "It is, I am told, most distressing to see the condition the lady is in."

Shell-Shock

She was suffering from what in men was called shell-shock.

Mr. Justice Atkinson: I wonder what would happen if a bomb dropped outside her bedroom window.

Sir Charles: It might cure her. It might just as well be a cure as an aggravation.

For the defence, Dr. W. J. Connell, medical superintendent of St. Andrew's Hospital, Thorpe, said that when he saw Mrs. Englestown in June 1939, he formed the opinion that it was a simple case of hysteria.

"I have seen many like her, and they cure very rapidly, but they must be taken from their home surroundings."

The Judge said he was satisfied that Mr. Sheard was to blame for the accident.

He awarded Mrs. Englestown £450 general damages and £250 special damages against this defendant, whom he also ordered to pay the second defendant's costs.

LADIES 3RD ON RAILWAY

Male employees of the Board of Trade who are graded as "temporary principals" are issued with first-class railway vouchers.

When women Civil Servants doing the same work are travelling on departmental duties, third-class travel vouchers are issued to them.

Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., thinks this is reversing too much the old-fashioned principle, "Ladies before gentlemen."

In reply to a question in the House, the President of the Board

HIS MEDAL TO MOTHER

After a young naval man had been decorated by the King at a recent investiture, he stopped as he walked through the Palace gates and pinned the medal on his mother's coat.

His mother had suffered a grievous blow a few months ago when one of her two other sons lost his life in a submarine.

Shipmates of Leading Seaman Peter Beach, whom the King honoured for his part in the rescue of British merchant seamen from the German "hell ship," Altmarek, off the coast of Norway, believed they had hauled him up dead out of the sea.

Beach was a member of the boarding party to jump from H.M.S. Cossack on to the Altmarek.

Held Nazi At Bay

He held the captain of the German ship at bay at the point of the bayonet until the British seamen who had been imprisoned in the holds were released.

The Cossack was leaving the Norwegian coast with its liberated kinsmen aboard when the body of a tall sailor was seen floating in the sea. One of the Cossack's crew called out, "It is Lofly Beach." A boat was launched and a rescue party brought the body on to the deck.

At that moment Beach, who had been changing his attire and having a wash and brush up down below, reappeared on deck, much to the surprise and pleasure of his shipmates.

It was then realised that the body was that of a German sailor, so it was tossed back into the sea.

Beach, who is twenty-one, belongs to Bedhampton, near Havant.

of Trade informed her that the reason why the men travel first, while their women colleagues travel third, was a matter of salary grading. Only Civil Servants earning £600 and over are entitled to first-class travel vouchers.

On this reckoning, women concerned do not qualify.

REPAY 60-YEAR DEBT

From Hingham Norfolk, where Abraham Lincoln's ancestors lived, comes a touching example of American aid for Britain—a good turn repaid after sixty years.

The rector of this little town, the Rev. Percy Greeves, has received a money order for £52 from Hingham, Mass., to be devoted to local war relief.

With the present was a letter from the Anglican rector of the American town, the Rev. D. R. Magruder, saying: "This money comes with our deepest sympathy for all the trials you are passing through and our prayers that God will preserve you and bring you to peace and victory."

"This town was settled in 1633 by men and women from your Hingham."

"There was, however, no Anglican church here until 1882. At that time your congregation was good to us. Some of your ladies worked and raised the money for our first communion silver."

"You also sent out the old Bishop's throne, which we treasure highly, as well as a lectern we have made into a Litany desk. Now we are glad to recall these favours and to make a little return."

Mr. Greeves has replied: "We assure our kind young relations in the more important Hingham that their generous act and the spirit which prompted it have touched all our hearts and will be remembered long after we have forgotten the horrors and miseries of this war."

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World Fair View Sets Record Despite Heavy Track

Handsome Dividend Paid On The "Daily Double"

By "Rapier"

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING ON SATURDAY WAS A DISTINCT SUCCESS. FEARS OF UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER CAUSING A POSTPONEMENT WERE DISPELLED WHEN, AFTER A GLOOMY MORNING, THE SKY CLEARED SOMEWHAT AND THE AFTERNOON'S RACING PASSED OFF WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

Racing on the whole was exceptionally keen, but in view of the heavy state of the course, it was a surprise to see one record bettered.

Mr. H. C. Pih scored three wins and two seconds to top the list of winning jockeys, while Mr. L. B. Chao was second with three wins and a second, the former breaking the 1-1 1/4 Miles record for China ponies, under the new scale of weights, on World Fair View.

Honours among owners went to Mr. Li Lan Sang with two wins and two seconds, including the coveted St. George's Plate.

The first race, the Tannoshan Handicap for "D" Class, China ponies, resulted in a win for Blue Field (Mr. Chao). The public favoured Lovely View (Mr. Pih), and its defeat can be attributed to the fact that Mr. Pih took too much out of the pony at the initial stage of the race and the best it could do was to place second.

Lovely View jumped out to take the lead, followed by Celtic Star (Mr. Botelho), Strathbannock (Mr. Black) and Blue Field. The order was maintained until after passing the Rock when Mr. R. K. C. Chui sent Lovely Star forward to take second position, which it held until the last quarter, when it was passed by Blue Field and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Copping).

On rounding the bend Lovely View was well in front, but Blue Field had the better finish, and, overhauling it near the band stand, went on to win although Mr. Pih made a great effort on Lovely View. Eve of Hunting was third.

Vanguard's Fine Run

In the second race, the Canterbury Park Stakes, punters made Vanguard favourite on the strength of its last performance and they were not disappointed as the pony came out with flying colours to win from Prairie View, the second pony, by three lengths.

On the rise of the barrier, King's Welcome (Mr. Needa) went into the lead, followed by Prairie View (Mr. Pih) and Amusement Tax (Mr. Wei). After passing the Rock, King's Welcome fell back and Prairie View came up to first position with Vanguard (Mr. Chang) in close attendance. On entering the home straight Vanguard came through strongly to pass Prairie View and win quite easily; Gay Fox (Mr. Poy) was third.

St. George's Plate

The St. George's Plate, over the Champions distance, was the principal event of the day. World Fair View (Mr. Pih), made hot favourite, fully justified the confidence placed in it. The race started with Avon (Mr. Black), Sam's Choice (Mr. Hearne), Hughber (Mr. Trevorton) and World Fair View bunched together with the remainder of the field a couple of lengths behind.

After passing the Stands, World Fair View took the lead, followed by Eve of Dancing (Mr. Yuen), Hughber, Sam's Choice and Galaxy (Mr. Wei), but on passing the half mile post Mr. Wei sent Galaxy forward to take second position with Hopeful Star (Mr. K. I. Ip) and Johnber (Mr. Chao) following.

On rounding the Village bend Galaxy, on being passed by Johnber, and So Nice, gave up the struggle. Coming into the straight World Fair View had such a commanding lead that its win was a foregone conclusion and it reached the winning post six lengths ahead of Johnber.

For third place a great tussle ensued between So Nice and Avon, which came up with a terrific burst, but the former had the bet-

ter of the argument by a neck. In winning this race in such an effortless manner, in 2.23, World Fair View clipped 2-1/5 seconds off Navylight's record.

Well Handled Pony

The fourth race, the Charters Towers Stakes, resulted according to expectations. Mountain View's win gave Mr. Pih his second success of the afternoon.

There was hardly anything of interest in the race beyond the fact that Nomine Poetae (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Mountain View fought out the finish. The latter won by 2 1/2 lengths and, four lengths away, Iron Belle (Mr. Wei) filled third place.

Pih's "Hat-Trick"

The first leg of the "Daily Double" was decided on the Broken Hill Handicap (First Section) for "B" Class Australian ponies. Much was expected of The Nineteenth Hole (Mr. Hearne), but after running well up to a certain stage, it faded out of the picture. A Happy Time (Mr. Tao) made the running fairly fast and led until the home stretch, at which stage Mr. Pih, on Man-O-War, took command and romped home to win by length and a half to complete his "hat-trick." National Courage (Mr. Chang) was third another four lengths away.

Favourite Only Second

The Koala Stakes (First Section), over the 1 1/4 miles distance, found punters betting strongly on Bugle (Mr. Wei), but it disappointed badly by only securing second place.

Seat River (Mr. Black) took the lead at the outset, followed by Casino (Mr. Pih), Archer (Mr. Gregory) and Bona Vacantia (Mr. Chao). On passing the six furlongs post, Casino overtook Seat River to take the lead up to the half mile post, when Archer forged ahead to assume command, followed by Bona Vacantia and Bugle. Coming into the home straight, Bona Vacantia with Bugle in hot pursuit, overhauled Archer, and, although Mr. Wei tried hard, he had to be satisfied with second place. Seventy Six (Mr. Hearne) was third, just having the better of Archer by the narrowest margin.

"Double" Pays \$189.10

Those who successfully nominated Man-O-War to win the first leg of the "Daily Double" were not presented with too great a problem in making the right choice in the second leg, which was the first section of the St. Kilda Stakes.

The race was won by Royal Sovereign (Mr. Tao), which overtook Newborn Star (Mr. Proulx) on rounding the Village bend, and never looked back. Mr. Hearne made a great effort on Anzac Day but was unable to make any impression on the winner. Newborn Star was third. The Koala Bear (Mr. Wei) the favourite, was a disappointment, probably due to



the heavy state of the course which did not suit the pony.

There were 64 ticket-holders, in the "Double", who had faith in Royal Sovereign, and they were each rewarded with \$189.10.

Tien Tien's Race

The eighth race, the second section of the Koala Stakes, resulted in a favourite responding to the confidence placed in it. Tien Tien, ably ridden by Mr. S. W. Pan, obliged this time.

Sunspot (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) was the first away, with Corvette (Mr. Trevorton) and Strathbryn (Mr. Black) in close attendance. These positions were maintained until after passing the six furlongs post, when Sunspot fell back. It was here that Corvette took the lead and so well was it running that a win was indicated, but undaunted, Mr. Pan secured game response from Tien Tien, which shot forward near the end to pass Corvette and win by length and a half, with Strathbryn, trailing many lengths behind, third.

Daylight Fails

In the ninth race, the St. Kilda Stakes (Second Section) over the six furlongs, Daylight (Mr. Wei) was made firm favourite, but it failed dismally. On the rise of the gate, Ophir (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) jumped out first followed by Googly (Mr. K. I. Ip) and Tobacco (Mr. Botelho). On reaching the Rock, Ophir gave up the fight and Googly took the lead, followed by Tobacco. Angel of Glory (Mr. Black) and Twinkling Star (Mr. Craven).

In the straight Googly was still ahead but Mr. Black applied pressure on Angel of Glory which responded magnificently to pass Tobacco and then Googly. It reached home an easy winner by two lengths from Twinkling Star, which came up in a belated rush to take second place from Tobacco.

The Best Return

The last race of the day, the Broken Hill Handicap (Second Section) provided the best win dividend of the day—\$98.10—Mr. Chao riding a clever race on Catterick Bridge to beat Contact (Mr. Needa).

The race started with several ponies bunched together. On reaching the straight for the first time, Joan (Mr. Yuen) took the lead, followed by Happy Returns (Mr. Wei) and Lex Fori (Mr. S. W. Lee).

On passing the six furlongs post Lex Fori shot forward to take the lead which it kept to the Village bend, when Catterick Bridge came out of the pack to overhaul Lex Fori and take first position with Contact, Vixen Tor (Mr. Hearne) and Venus Bay (Mr. Pih) in attendance.

In the straight Catterick Bridge had the advantage of a few lengths lead from Contact and despite Mr. Needa's determined effort to make up the leeway, it went on to win with a length and a half to spare. Vixen Tor was third.

Catterick Bridge's win was well merited and it was to a great extent due to the superb riding of Mr. Chao. Prior to the start Y. K. Tu was taken for a joy-ride to the foot-ball stands by Optimus Fide, where the pony refused to move. The pony collided with the stable wall, and Mr. Tu had to dismount, and, as it was getting late, and the pony was becoming more and more restless, Mr. Walker was sent to recall the jockey, the pony then being led back to the stables.

DAZZLING FIELDING GIVES INDIANS SOFTBALL TITLE

By "Grandstand"

THE INDIANS RETAINED THEIR INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL TITLE WHEN THEY TRIUMPHED OVER THE UNITED STATES CONTINGENT ON SUNDAY BY 6-2, WHILST THE CHINESE CUTIES HANDED THE PORTUGUESE LASSIES A 13-5 TRIMMING IN A GAME SPARKED BY ULIAN KHOO'S BASE-CLEANING DOUBLE, TO TAKE THE SERIES FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEAR.

In the absence of Willie Wilson, who patrolled the centre patch for the Stars and Stripes last week, the Mighty Mohawks carried the banner for Uncle Sam. If those were the marauding Mohawks, they sure were the tamest bunch of Injun warriors I've ever set my eyes on, whilst mentor Markar Sr.'s Indians just couldn't be beaten last Sabbath, as they annexed Jimmy King's Shield for the second year running in a dazzling fielding display before their loyal supporters, who turned out en masse, per custom.

Mound victor Kassa Nazarin limited the Waggonermen to only four scattered blows in a stellar slab performance, walked none and fanned none, whilst hurler Cy Jones was nicked for four bingles, passed two Markermes to first and whiffed one.

Hassan Best Batter

Savage Hassan had the best batting day, being good for two in three, whilst Pete Fitch banged in the only extra-base clout with a hefty triple.

The Mohawks dished up two double erasures, when Lou Leight clamped his hands on Hussain's liner and pegged Abbas off first, and again when Sherry Bux, who had wheeled a walk, was tossed out by Waggoner at second, whilst Pete Fitch, who was covering the bag, pivoted the pill to Ernie Earther at first to snuff Abbas to complete the double play.

CHINESE OUTHIT PORTUGUESE

By "Grandstand"

Outhitting an erratic Portuguese squad, the Chinese made a slugged their way to a 13-5 victory, to annex the Molthen trophy.

Mary Ng, for the winners, whiffed two and walked five, whilst Thelma Collaco, who toiled on the slab for the losers, fanned one and passed one.

Playing heads up ball for the first two frames, the Portuguese defence busted wide open in the third, as the Chinese femmes chalked up a cluster of four markers on three miscues and two blows, including Ulian Khoo's Ruthian wallop which cleared the crowded bases.

In the same inning, Therese Noronha, who now knows the reason why the third base has been named the "hot corner," switched with left gardener Theresa Maroues.

Another spurge of five runs dented the pay-off station as the Chinese Cuties plastered hurler Collaco for three blows, and sewed the game up with three more tallies in the sixth on a pair of singles and three Portuguese bobbles.

Two Runs Scored

The losers left two stranded on the base-path. In the first, and two frames, Two bingles and one Chinese miscue netted them two scored one in each of the next more runs in the fourth, and added only one more in a hitless sixth inning. Hilda "Bambina" Soares pinch-hitting for Ding Lopes fled out to deep right.

Although Thelma Collaco was guilty of four of her teammates' errors, she atoned by cracking out two singles in as many trips to the platter, whilst Ulian Khoo connected safely three times in five chances, including a double which chased in three of her mates. Doris Ma piled out the longest hit of the fracas with none aboard.

Indians Take Lead

The Indians shot into the lead with a whoop as Jindoo "Muscle-bound" Hussain dented the counting-station when Cy Jones fumbled Marker Jr.'s dump, whilst Markar crossed the pan on Savage Hassan's blistering grounder through the keystone to chalk up two tallies in the first frame.

In the Waggonermen's home half of the inning, Hank Sperry spanked Nazarin's easy offering for a single, but was caught pilfering second. Joe Morris next succumbed when he rolled an easy bounder to second-sacker Baby Abbas, and although Johnnie Schaberg singled to centre, Pete Fitch grounded out, for a two-hit no-run inning.

In the next chapter, both sides paraded three batters to the plate and back again in an air-tight fielding display, high-lighted by first-sacker Markar's brilliant catch of Molthen's foul fly, which he chased all over the park.

In the third heat Kitchell singled, but was forced at second by Baby Abbas, whilst a brilliant double-killing retired the side without further damage. The Mohawks threatened in their half, but Johnnie Schaberg only tapped out a slow roller with ducks in the pond.

More Counters

Two hits and a sacrifice, assisted by two miscues, produced another three counters for the Indians in the fourth, but the lead was slimmed as the Waggonermen staged a two-run uprising on two blows, including Pete Fitch's wallop with none aboard, which dented the left field fence and would have been good for a four-master, only the Big Chief skidded at third and had to be content with a three-bagger.

A single and two fielder's choice plays presented manager Chuck "Heh" Heh the Waggoner the opportunity to be the golden haired hero of the day, but he only succeeded in forcing Ernie Earther at the plate on a feeble bunt, whilst Sperry fled out to end the chapter.

The Indians chalked up another marker in the fifth canto to cinch the game, Abbas making second on a bobble and trotting home on twirler Jones' wild heave.

For the remaining three semesters, the Americans were shut out in a perfect fielding display, centred by Big Boy Bakar coming up with a fielding gem when he

HITCHCOCK JR. RETIRES FROM POLO

ANNOUNCING HIS definite retirement as an active combatant in polo on his 41st birthday, Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., greatest player of the game for more than 20 years, confers that honour on Cecil Smith.

Tommy Hitchcock considers the 1939 American team that repelled the British—Smith, Winston Guest, Mike Phipps and himself—the finest he ever saw, and credits Smith, the former Texas cowpuncher, with having made it so.

Hitchcock disagrees with those who rate Stewart Iglehart, the young New York contractor, the finest of the current stars.

"You might say that in low goal polo there's no one better than Iglehart," asserts the master mallet-wielder. "Stewart played some mighty fine polo last fall, but I don't think there's any one in Smith's class when he's well mounted."

Polo Not Dead

Hitchcock assures you that polo isn't dead.

"We had a real good season last summer, from our standpoint," he explains.

"People measure sports from the gate receipts standpoint. That is wrong in amateur sports."

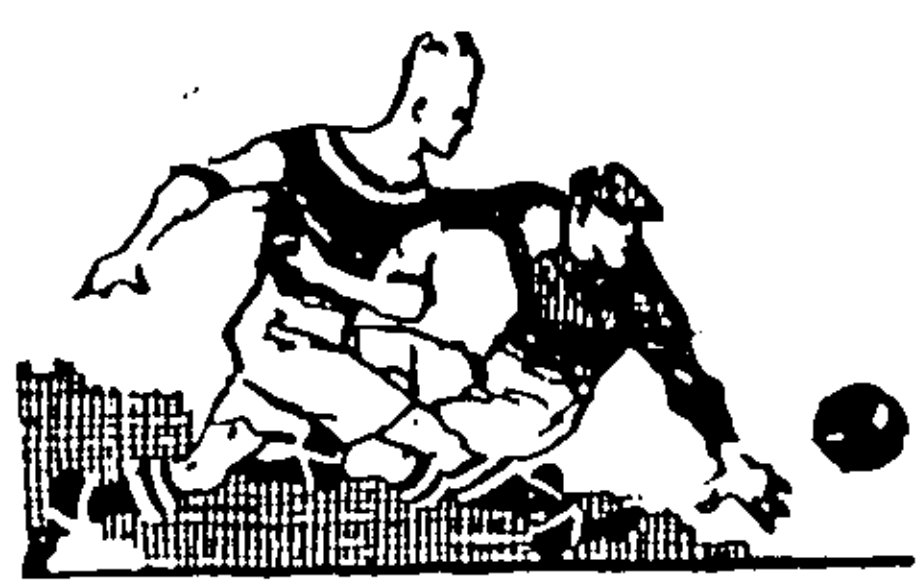
"There are varying degrees of amateurism, but polo, as we play it is strictly for the fun of the participants. Success is measured by the number of players rather than the report of the ticket taker. Of course, it takes money to keep up International Field and the others at Meadow Brook, and crowds are very welcome."

Too Old Now

Hitchcock, the Manhattan banker, is giving up polo because at his age it takes too much out of him. Working all day and then going to Long Island and playing hard polo left him tired. He would be tired all the next day at his desk.

Next to polo, Hitchcock, like everybody else, talks principally about the war. "I guess maybe it'd be fun to get up there in a pursuit plane again."

Tommy Hitchcock, who henceforth will ride only for exercise, says the main trouble with polo these days is that the number of young men who can afford to play gets less and less.



FOOTBALL, TEST PITCHES ARE BADLY BOMBED

Drumhall Lane, Sheffield, home of Sheffield United Football Club, and Test Match cricket enclosure, has been damaged in air raids.

Half the stand was wrecked beyond repair, and high-explosive bombs made craters on both the football and cricket pitches.

But Sheffield has the right spirit. An onion auctioned after the Football League v. All British XI match on Sheffield Wednesday's ground realised £3 1s 6d. It was sold in aid of the local War Fund. The controlled price of onions is 4d. a pound.

Iceland International

Meanwhile how many people know that England and Scotland met during the Christmas period, in Iceland? Not many; it was news to most sportsmen in the British Isles. They were Service teams but included quite a number of English and Scottish league players.

It was Capt. H.S.B. Smith, who has officiated in big football at Wembley, and now serving in Iceland, who revealed that "England won in the only 1½ hours of daylight available." That was the time of the lengthy nights and limited days, and the light is certainly one of the most difficult problems for sport in Iceland.

RECREIO BOWLS TEAMS

Following have been chosen to represent Club de Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

First Division "A" v C.C.C. (Home):—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip).

F. X. Soares, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division "B" v K.B.G.C. (Away):—C. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).

D. C. Alves, F. A. Machado, Edie Sousa and B. Basto (Skip).

C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip).

Second Division v H.K.C.C. (Home):—E. L. Barros, F. X. Monteiro, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip).

A. J. Osmond, A. V. Barros, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip).

J. D. Remedios, F. J. A. Marques, A. F. Noronha and J. A. Remedios (Skip).

Third Division v H.K.C.C. (Away):—G. A. Pinna, F. H. Carvalho, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).

F. Sequeira, J. O. Remedios, H. M. Xavier and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).

L. A. Rozario, E. A. S. Alves, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

K.F.C. BOWLS TEAM FOR TO-DAY

Following have been chosen to represent K.F.C. against the Kowloon Docks R.C. at Hung Hom today, at 5.15 p.m. sharp:

A. MacIntyre, C. Downman, T. Fergusson and W. Simpson (Skip).

A. Lapsley, V. Attienza, V. Chittenden and W. Field (Skip).

W. Naef, A. Eastman, P. Young-husband and E. Kern (Skip).

ENGLISH EX-CHAMPION SCULLER IS MISSING

Pilot Officer Louis Barry, English professional sculling champion in 1936, is reported missing while on active service.

Lou Barry spent five years in Italy coaching crews in Milan and other cities, and after training the winning eight in the Italian university boat race, he was presented with a gold medal by Mussolini.

On June 22, 1936, Lou wrested the English title from Ted Phelps, who had held it for many years over the Putney Mortlake course.

BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Following were yesterday's Badminton Championship results. A full report of the matches will appear in later editions.

SENIOR SINGLES

K. W. Choy beat Patrick Wong 15-5, 15-8.

JUNIOR SINGLES

T. S. Young beat V. D. Cheillah 15-9, 15-18, 15-8.

LADIES' DOUBLES

Miss M. M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier beat Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmern 15-7, 15-7.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier 15-11, 18-14.



TO-DAY'S TENNIS

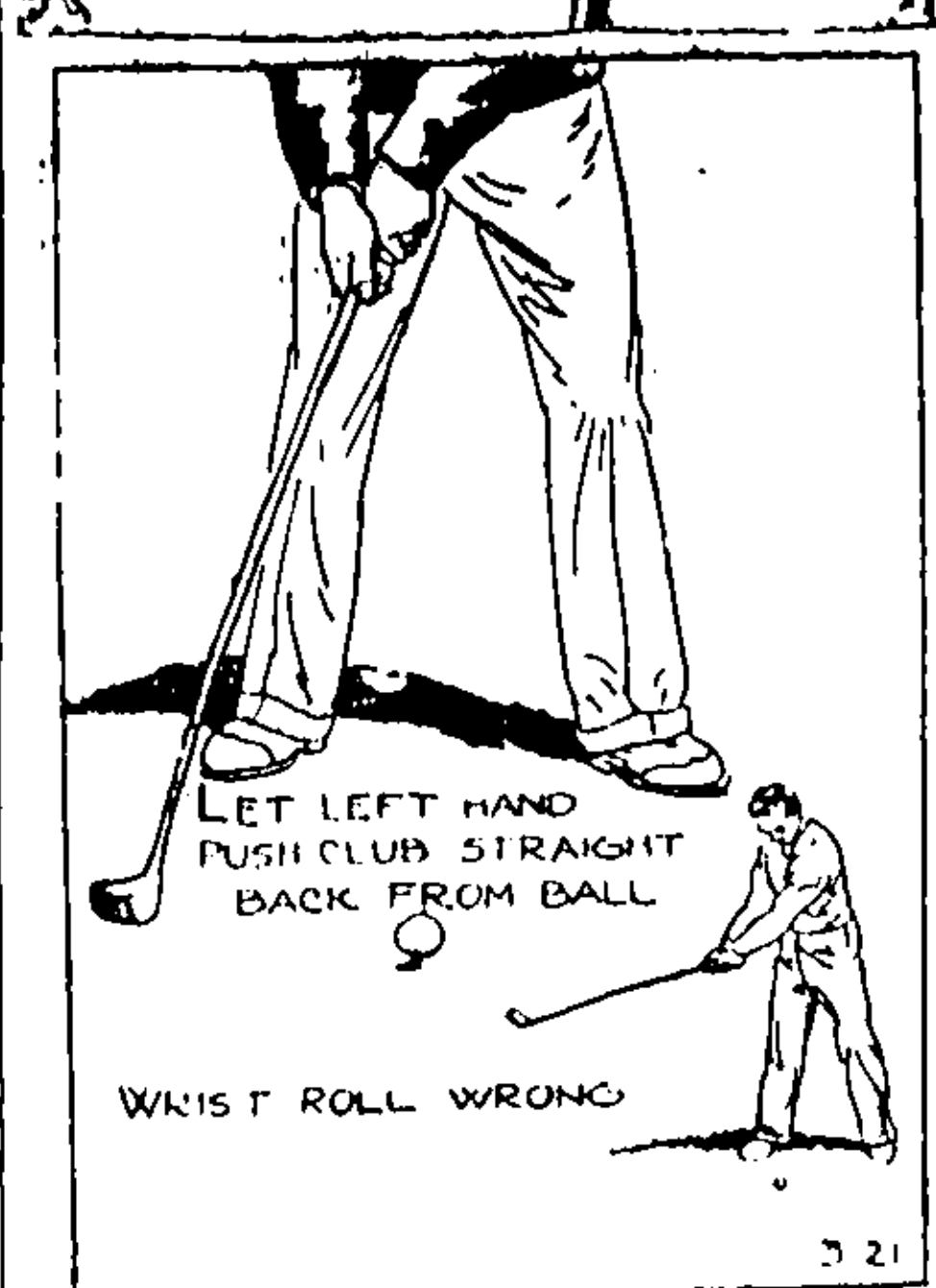
Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES

Semi-Final

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (Stand Court).

GRAPHIC GOLF



Path Of Clubhead

By BEST BALL

The clubhead which travels low along the ground in the impact area is thereby allowed a good margin for error. By this is meant that it may contact the ball at any point within a fair portion of its swinging arc and still turn in a swell job. Such a swing is of course favoured over the stroke which requires impact at an exact spot in the swinging arc. The latter method gives little leeway for mistakes typical of strokes started back by wrist roll. Harry Vardon was seldom off the fairway (some say never) during the years he was building up his great golfing record. His swing travelled low along the line of flight for the space of a foot on both the up-stroke and down, enhancing his chances of hitting the ball properly.

This type of hitting is initiated in the low to the ground method by which the club is taken back. This is accomplished by pushing the club back with the left hand, in co-ordination with the body turn, so that it hugs the ground for the first foot or so of the journey upward.

Next Article:—Punch And Precision

TWO STORIES FROM HARRY WALKER

Harry Walker, who died last month at Redcar, started life as a Rugby enthusiast, got converted at Middlesborough, and lived to pick England soccer teams for 40 years.

Only the late Fred Rinder covered more country or could tell more picturesque foreign tour stories.

Best known is of an England match at the Hague in 1907, where the National Anthem was played nine times—once as a welcome and eight times for goals.

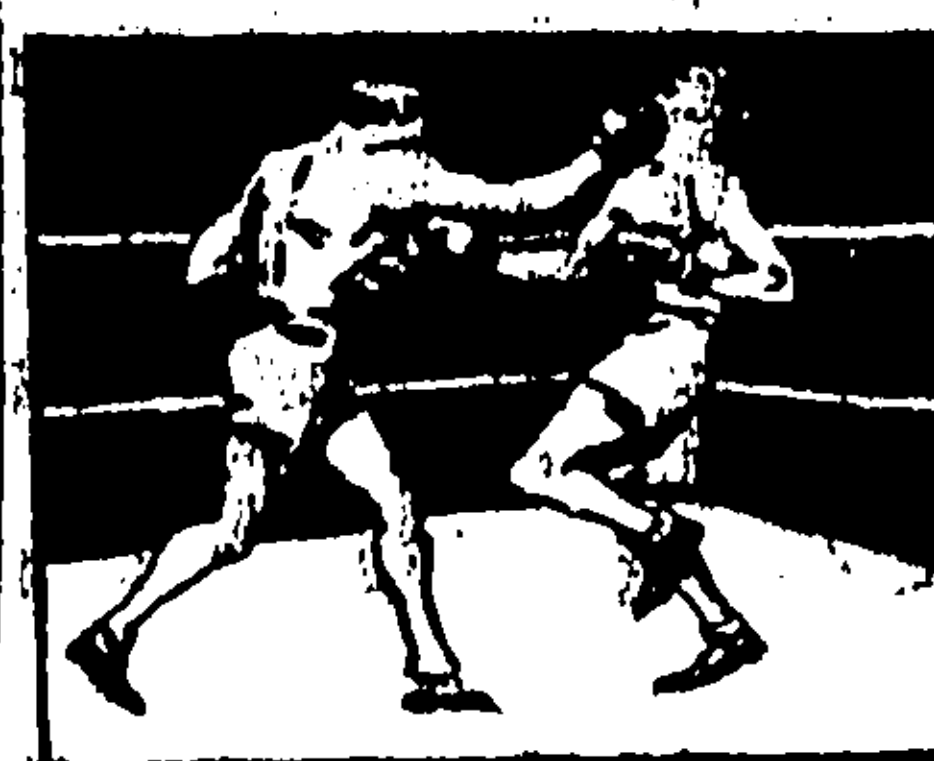
Less familiar is the one he once told me of a visit by an English team and officials to the cellars of a famous champagne firm during a trip to Bohemia. writes a Home correspondent.

William MacGregor, founder of the League, was among those present. A teetotaler, he demanded mineral water, which so confused the shocked host that he produced as the next best thing a large bottle of medicinal water. MacGregor drank the lot and was in bed for two days.

RACECOURSE CAR CRASH

A car moved on to the course as the horses were running in the first race at Plumpton and Roman Chief, a £200 horse ridden by S. Magee, came into collision with it.

Magee was thrown 20ft. into the air, but escaped injury. One of the horse's legs was broken and it had to be destroyed. The car overturned and the driver was slightly injured.



BOXING'S CRUSADER NO. 1

Henry Cotton is golf's Crusader Number One, and his magnificent results are known, writes a Home correspondent.

Sergeant-Instructor Arthur Danahar, of the Irish Guards, has, since the war break, figured in charity boxing efforts which have raised over £40,000—and who knows about it?

I confess I didn't until I dropped into a packed Chichester tournament over the week-end. Arthur was appearing, and I talked to his father, who makes one of seven Danahars in uniform, two of them on the distaff side. Incidentally, there have been five generations of fighting Danahars.

Carry On, Sergeant!

Arthur looked fitter than ever I saw him, if not so much the welter-weight these days. I don't believe he has ever refused an invitation to a charity show since the bugles first sounded.

This £40,000 figure—by no means boxing's grand total, of course—makes you think that the fight game, without much trumpeting, is playing its part in the national effort more nobly than many people have realised.

When the Home Office, for the best of reasons, refused exit permits to certain boxers to go to America on a charity effort, which would not have been of charity, I reminded them there was plenty of scope at home.

Such as Sergeant Arthur Danahar has proved that. There are some bigtime fighters we shall remember after the war—and some we shall forget. Carry on, sergeant!

MIDDLESEX SKATING CARNIVAL

Middlesex Regiment are holding for the first time in the history of the Garrison a skating Carnival at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Nathan Road at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The programme consists of the following events:—

Inter-Coy. Hockey competition for which eight teams have entered.

Open events of Four and Eight laps (open to the Colony).

Inter-Coy. Races and other events.

Arrangements are in the hands of R.S.M. Challis.



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CRITICAL OPERATIONS SUCCESSFULLY GOING ON

Mr. Churchill's Statement In The Commons

QUEEN OF ITALY AT THE VATICAN

The Pope received Queen Elena of Italy yesterday morning and conversed with her over half an hour, according to the Vatican radio quoted by Reuter.

THE CZECH SOKOL MOVEMENT

London is now the headquarters of the Sokol movement, declared the Czechoslovak Minister of Interior, Dr. Slavik, yesterday.

"The Sokol movement, with headquarters in London, will do all it can to help our Sokol brothers in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland.

"When Mr. Churchill recently inspected our troops they carried a standard given by Sokols of the United States, one day they will carry that standard in triumph through the streets of Prague. —Reuter.

Government's Motion For Debate

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY HE WAS SURE THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT WISH TO RECEIVE NEWS OF THE WAR SITUATION WHICH "ADDED TO THE DANGERS OF OUR TROOPS WHEN DELICATE, DANGEROUS AND CRITICAL OPERATIONS ARE BEING SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT."

Loud cheers greeted this pregnant statement, which was made during a Question Time discussion on the possibility of reorganising the Cabinet machinery and of an early parliamentary debate on the general war situation.

The Prime Minister announced a debate would be possible on the first day Parliament sat after this week.

He indicated that Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, might take an important part in the debate, which would be conducted on the basis of a motion which Mr. Churchill read, as follows:

"THIS HOUSE APPROVES THE POLICY OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN SENDING AID TO GREECE."

Utmost Vigour

Loud and prolonged cheers were raised, after which the Prime Minister continued:

"This House declares its confidence that our operations in the Middle East and all other theatres of war will be pursued by Government with the utmost vigour."

Mr. Churchill had earlier rejected a suggestion to consider appointing a small Supreme War Cabinet of Ministers without departmental responsibilities and including statesmen of the calibre of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies —Reuter.

U.S. SEAMEN ON STRIKE

ONLY REMAINING AMERICAN STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO EUROPE, THAT FROM NEW YORK TO LISBON, HAS BEEN HELD UP BY A STRIKE OF SEAMEN.

The crew of the steamers "Excelsior" and "Exminster" struck yesterday in sympathy with the crew of the "Siboney," who struck on Saturday.

Cause of the conflict is the men's desire for recognition of their Trade Union. —Reuter.

U.S. COAL STRIKE ENDED

THE STRIKE IN THE U.S. BITUMINOUS COAL FIELDS ENDED YESTERDAY WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNITED MINeworkers UNION THAT PRODUCTION OF SOFT COAL WOULD BE RESUMED TO-MORROW MORNING.

The Union's move followed a notification to President Roosevelt by Southern coal operators that they would accept his proposal to reopen the mines while wage negotiations are continued. —Reuter.

RICE PRICE IN SHANGHAI RISING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The price of rice in Shanghai rose to a new level yesterday with number one Saigon rice quoted at \$140 per zahn.

The sensational increase was due to rumours that beginning from next month there would be no further large shipments.

The Rice Guild estimates present stocks at 1,500,000 bags. —International News Service.

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AXIS "GET TOGETHER"

The second of a series of Axis "get together" meetings was held in Rome yesterday, states the German news agency.

The so-called "Constituent Assembly" of the Three-Power Pact met with Ciano presiding and the German and Japanese Ambassadors present.

It is understood that another meeting on similar lines will shortly be held in Tokyo, with Mr. Matsuoka in the chair. —Reuter.

CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT FOR LONDON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

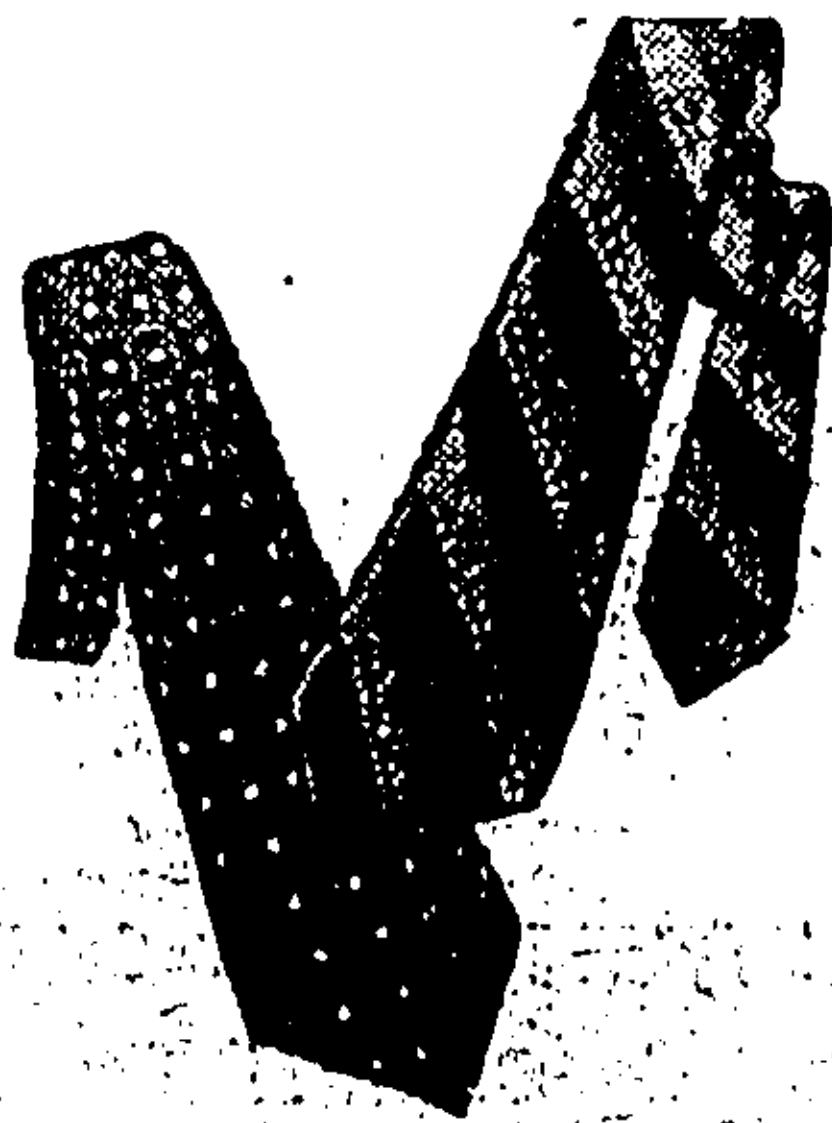
In a further striking gesture of friendship and goodwill towards embattled Britain, the U.S. Government yesterday assigned Capt. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, to London, it was reported in authoritative Government quarters in Washington.

Capt. Roosevelt, who is a Marine Officer, will go to the British capital for duty as Assistant Naval Attache in the U.S. Embassy there, the same sources state. —International News Service.

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JAPANESE TRIAL BALLOON

The Japanese suggestion that Mr. Matsuoka may go to the United States still arouses some interest in sections of the American press.

The Scripps-Howard newspapers say informed quarters in Washington consider it a trial balloon, while other quarters see in it an officially-inspired feeler reflecting Japanese anxiety as to what the United States will do if the Japanese expansion programme is increased.

One paper quotes unnamed officials in Washington as contending that as long as Japan the aggressor is linked with the Axis, Mr. Matsuoka will be a most unwelcome visitor in Washington.

THE SAME PAPER IN AN EDITORIAL, HOWEVER, SAYS IT CAN THINK OF FEW POSSIBLE MOVES ON THE INTERNATIONAL DRAUGHTBOARD WHOSE POTENTIALITIES FOR GOOD WOULD BE GREATER.

It adds that Mr. Matsuoka knows the United States and knows well the odds against Japan, weakened economically by four years of war, if she is pitted against an economic giant of the United States' proportions. — Reuter.

British Minister Captured

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Minister to Belgrade who, it is stated in London, has not been heard of since the fall of Belgrade.

The British Government has requested the United States Government to inquire into the matter.

Coinciding with the news of Sir Ronald's disappearance, the Italian newspaper "Messaggero" yesterday published a report stating that Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Minister to Yugoslavia, Colonel Clark, the British Military Attaché at Belgrade, and a British newspaper correspondent, have been captured and taken aboard an Italian destroyer in the Adriatic, while attempting to make their way to Greece. — International News Service.

BRITISH BATTLE SQUADRON AT GIBRALTAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A powerful British naval force, composed of mighty battle-cruisers, battleships, at least one aircraft-carrier, seven destroyers and five torpedo-boats, has arrived at Gibraltar, according to a despatch from Algeciras to Vichy.

Planes from the carrier, it is reported, immediately took off ostensibly in conjunction with the practice black-out exercises which have plunged the entire Gibraltar area in darkness. — International News Service.

SIMA TO GO ON TRIAL

THE IRON GUARD LEADER, HORIA SIMA, HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO APPEAR BEFORE A MILITARY COURT IN BUCHAREST WITHIN THREE DAYS, ACCORDING TO LYONS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

Sima, who was Deputy Premier in General Antonescu's Government, fled the country when the rebellion in which he was charged as playing a leading part collapsed last January. — Reuter.

Axis Force Spread In Long Straggling Line

THE ENEMY TROOPS ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONTIER, DECLARED THE BRITISH MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT, HAVE REACHED A POINT ABOUT FIVE MILES EAST OF SOLLUM AND HAVE HALTED THERE.

It was difficult to determine whether the halt was due to the harassing action of British patrols, R.A.F. bombing, supply problems or sand storms, he added. The halt was probably due to a combination of all our factors.

The enemy troops are now spread out in a long straggling line from Tripoli to Sollum, with minor groups round Bardia and Tobruk.

The head of their advance consists of three columns—one on the coastal road, and two on the higher escarpment. All three have halted near Sollum.

The German troops particularly, the spokesman continued, are now experiencing the difficulties of desert warfare, namely water shortage, transport problems and that hot dusty wind which, according to an Arab proverb, justifies wife murder if it continues for five days.

Calm Optimism

The situation in Libya generally, the spokesman said, is viewed in Cairo with calm optimism. In Abyssinia the Italians have bolted in all directions following Dessie's capture.

Their difficulties have been further increased by opposition by Patriot forces now arising in all kinds of unexpected places.

An Italian retreat towards French Somaliland would involve crossing a depression below sea level in burning heat by one route and almost equal difficulties by any other available route. — Reuter.

STRIKING SOVIET DECISION

No war materials in future will be allowed to pass in transit through the Soviet Union, under a decree signed by the Commissar of Foreign Trade yesterday.

MUNITIONS, AIRCRAFT, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES, AND MACHINE-TOOLS FOR MAKING MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES COME UNDER THE DECREE.

The transit of other goods is to be allowed but only with special authorisation or trade agreement. — Reuter.

OPERATIONS IN GREECE CONTINUING

"The British forces which reached Greek ports apparently had time to embark without having to organise fortified camps to cover their embarkation?" writes the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Tidningen."

In Cairo, the British military spokesman declared: "Operations in Greece are still continuing and I can make no statement beyond that contained in the communiqué." — Reuter.

U.S. WARSHIPS MAY ENTER COMBAT ZONES

UNITED STATES WARSHIPS MAY ENTER COMBAT ZONES IF NECESSARY IN THE INTERESTS OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE DEFENCE, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

He added that the area of combat activities delineated by Germany round the British Isles had nothing to do with United States warships.

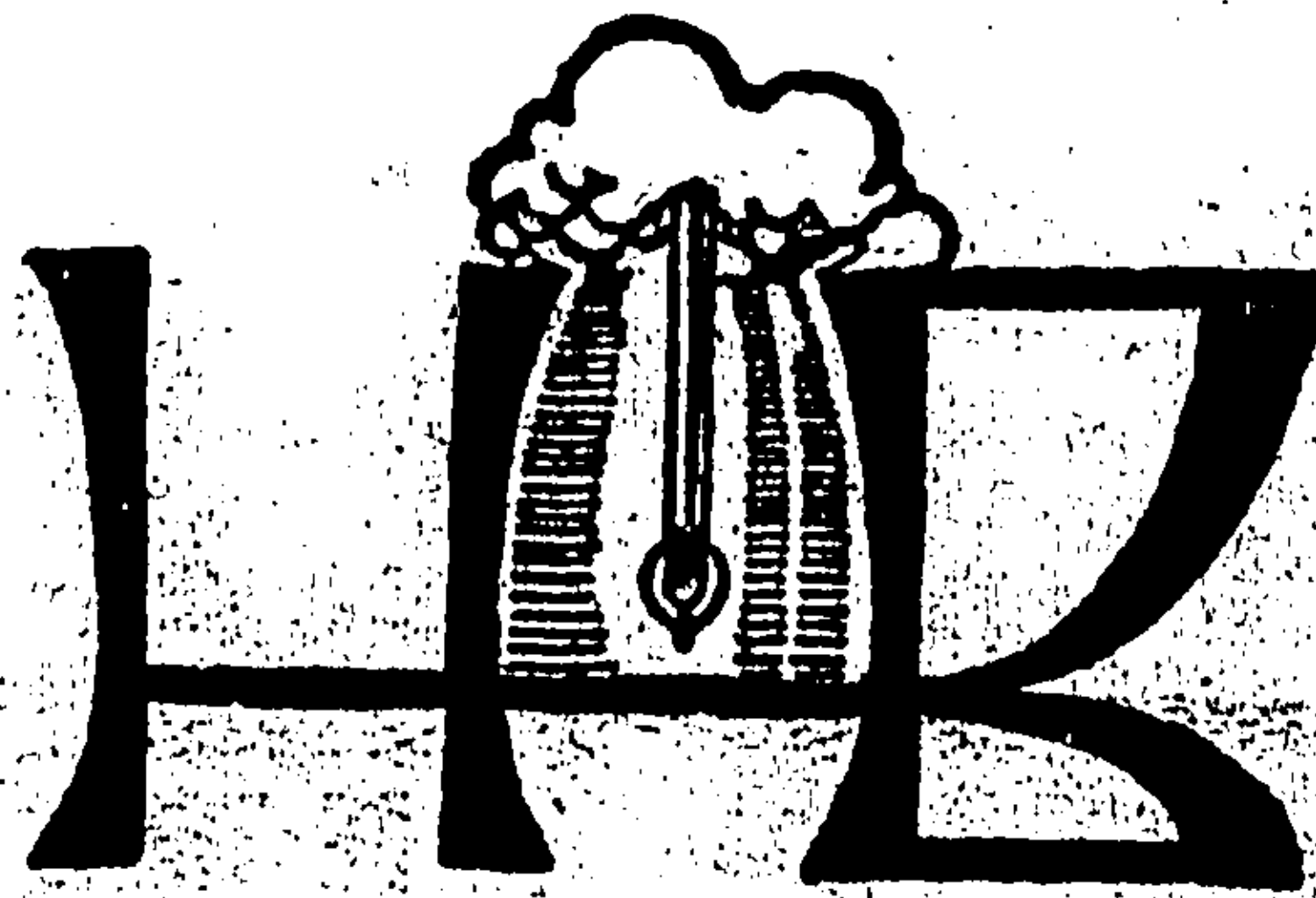
They would go into it if necessary for the defence of the western hemisphere but that did not mean they were going in.

In Berlin yesterday the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" in an article dealing with American proposals to speed up supplies to Britain, threatens: "PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PLANS WILL HAVE BUT ONE RESULT—QUICK AND CERTAIN SINKING OF AMERICAN SHIPS."

The newspaper adds: "Americans should cherish no illusions. Whether sailing alone or escorted by warships, all consignments traversing the Atlantic are good for sinking."

It is claimed that the weapons of German blockade lurk on all routes between Britain and America, and "It is time Americans realised what confronts shipping when President Roosevelt's plans mature." — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

German Victory Must Be Prevented At Any Cost

AOSTA REMNANTS CUT OFF

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Free French motorised column, supported by British forces, which penetrated the south-west frontier of French Somaliland, has cut off the retreat of the remnants of the Duke of Aosta's 35,000 Italian troops from Dessie, says the London "Daily Express."

However, British official circles and London Headquarters of General de Gaulle said they had no knowledge of such an advance from Abyssinia.

International News Service.

Burma Railway To China

A declaration that he was encouraged regarding the prospects of Sino-American cooperation was made by Mr. Quo Tai-chi, China's new Foreign Minister, following his interviews with President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Quo, formerly Chinese Ambassador in London, is en route to Chungking to assume office as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

He declared that American support in the building of a new railway from Burma into China was a symbol of Anglo-American-Chinese cooperation.

He confidently predicted that both Britain and China would "come through the war successfully."—Reuter.

'Planes Needed

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, after seeing Mr. Cordell Hull, told the press that Chinese morale was never higher and China would undertake the offensive against Japan as soon as she got 'planes.

"The important thing now is 'planes and more 'planes," he declared.

Munitions factories had been established in China's interior and would operate at full capacity as soon as raw materials were available.

Regarding Russia, Mr. Quo said the Russo-Japanese Pact was less disturbing now than when first signed because Russia since had given assurances that the present arrangements with China would be maintained.

Principles

Mr. Quo said Mr. Hull impressed him greatly as one of the few world leaders to-day who stand by their principles.

After spending a considerable time with President Roosevelt, Mr. Quo again saw the press, and said China was grateful for the loans.

He described the President as a man of worldwide vision who saw the necessity of helping China as well as Britain.

Mr. Quo declared Britain was now very strong.—Reuter.

OVERWHELMING VERDICT OF U.S. BUSINESSMEN

"A GERMAN VICTORY should be prevented at almost any cost," is the opinion of 84.1 per cent. of leading American businessmen, according to a survey conducted by the American magazine "Fortune," results of which were published in New York yesterday.

Only 13.8 per cent. believed that "if Germany was victorious the world would be safe and at least economically tolerable for the United States to live in without huge armaments."

Only 8.5 per cent. believed Germany would succeed in establishing a new European order "with which it would be possible for us to resume business relations following approximately pre-war methods."

HALF OF THOSE WHO POLLED, FAVOURED DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEFENCE PROGRAMME "AT THE EXPENSE OF BUSINESS AS USUAL."

A percentage of 55.4 disapproved the stand taken by Col. Landburgh and the isolationist Senator Burton Wheeler.—Reuter.

Absolute Necessity

"ENGLAND OFFERS HOPE OF PROGRESS. GERMANY OFFERS BLACK TERROR. A BRITISH VICTORY IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY."

These are extracts from a manifesto issued by yet another pro-Ally committee in the U.S., named the Union for Democratic Action, yesterday.

Headed by the Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of the Christian Ethics Union Theological Seminary, the committee includes educationists, writers, liberals, democrats, socialists, radicals and CIO and AFL Union leaders.

Criminal Folly

The manifesto also says "It is criminal folly to assume there is nothing to choose between a British and German victory."

The committee's programme is "whatever political, economic and military means are needed to defeat the aggressors."—Reuter.

MORE SHANGHAI STRIKES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") TWO MORE STRIKES WERE ADDED TO SHANGHAI'S LABOUR DISPUTES YESTERDAY WHEN WORKERS OF MILLER'S TRANSPORTATION CO. AND COOLIES OF THE MA HONG KEE GARBAGE CONTRACTORS QUIT WORK.

Meanwhile the French Municipality has hired 50 more Russians for the P.W.D. to assist the 150 taken on Monday.

Early settlement of the P.W.D. strike is unlikely; meanwhile S.M.C. mediators are still trying hard to settle the Commercial Press strike.—International News Service.

TO BE TRIED IN CAMERA

When the trial of two Parsee employees of the N.Y.K. in Bombay, under the Defence of India Rules, was taken up yesterday the prosecutor suggested the trial be held in camera.

Defence counsel agreeing, the magistrate adjourned the case to May 2.—Reuter.

REPRISAL THREAT

The 150 people arrested on the Lofoten Islands following the recent Anglo-Norwegian raid are now confined in a concentration camp near Oslo in appalling sanitary conditions.

This report was published by the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday, quoting the Swedish newspaper "Trots Allt."

The report added it seems clear that the Germans, who will later try the prisoners by court martial, hope ruthless reprisals will prevent a recurrence of the raids.—Reuter.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHURCHILL

MRS. ROOSEVELT, WRITING IN THE NEW YORK NEWSPAPER "WORLD-TELEGRAM" ON MR. CHURCHILL'S BROADCAST, SAYS: "ONE MUST ADMIRE A MAN WHO CAN TRUST THE PEOPLE OF HIS COUNTRY SO COMPLETELY. HE CAN TELL THEM STARK NAKED CRUEL TRUTHS UNAFRAID."

"That quality of courage is a kind of challenge which calls to the very depth of other human souls."

"Mr. Churchill can use the English language so that it rings and pounds with emotion behind the words in your brain."—Reuter.

MALTA ATTACKED

Malta's harbours were the main target of two enemy air attacks on Monday night, it is officially announced.

Bombs also fell over a wide area, causing considerable damage to civilian property and a few civilian casualties.

Yesterday morning enemy aircraft carried out two reconnaissance flights without incident.—Reuter.

RAID ON BERLIN?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The National Broadcasting Corporation's short wave listening post in New York reported that the German short wave station went off the air for four minutes, indicating an air raid in the immediate vicinity of Berlin.—International News Service.



His Majesty the King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace recently. Photo shows Captain Lord Louis Mountbatten, the King's cousin, and hero of H.M.S. Kelly, who was decorated with the D.S.O. With him is his wife in the uniform of a Commandant of the British Red Cross and St. John Association. (Copyright, Fox).

SUNER MAY OUST FRANCO

General Likely To Resign If Hitler Moves

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE POSSIBILITY that General Franco will be removed as Dictator of Spain and replaced by the Foreign Minister, Senor Suner, when and if Hitler launches an attack on Gibraltar across Spanish territory, was foreseen in informed London circles yesterday.

They expressed the belief that as soon as German panzer divisions cross the Pyrenees from France into Spain, if they do so, General Franco will resign and go to Lisbon and eventually to London, where he may form a "Free Spanish" movement backed by Spanish traditionalist and conservative generals.

Meanwhile, the German military success in the Balkans has placed the Axis in a position to launch an invasion of the Near East oilfields, one of the world's greatest economic jackpots as a major source of fuel.

Military obstacles such as the neutrality of Turkey and the uncertainty of Russia's reaction may delay an actual attack on the Near East, military experts in New York believe, but at the same time they admit Germany's position has been greatly improved by the Balkan campaign.

Oil production in the Near East fields in Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia has been held down to

roughly 300,000 barrels a day, but it is estimated that underground reserves of 20,000,000,000 barrels, almost equal to those of the United States, which is the greatest oil-producing country in the world, are in existence.—International News Service.

PREMIER AND FIRST SEA LORD SEE KING

King George received the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, at Buckingham Palace yesterday, and also granted an audience to the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Dudley Pound.—Reuter.

SHARP REBUFFS FOR GERMANS

Heavy Casualties In Incursion Into Egypt Canadian Pilot's Brilliant Exploit At Benina

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Forces somewhere in the Western Desert: Delayed in Transmission)

THE FIRST GERMAN-ITALIAN ATTEMPT TO DASH ACROSS THE EGYPTIAN FRONTIER RESULTED IN A SHARP REBUFF FOR THE ENEMY, WHEN A MOBILE COLUMN ON SUNDAY SWEEPED DOWN THE ESCARPMENT WHICH RUNS CLOSE TO THE SEA AT SOL-LUM AND TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH ALONG THE COASTAL ROAD.

The enemy thus exposed their right flank to one of the most famous regiments in the British Army, and when they came up against frontal opposition they had to retreat hastily to their former positions. They retired under heavy fire and suffered very heavy casualties.

British armoured forces, meanwhile, are sweeping ceaselessly across the great desert plateau on top of the escarpment to counter any attempt to circle round our left flank.

At the moment the Germans are apparently pausing to think where next to direct their own and the Italians' efforts.

A feat which was described by a senior R.A.F. officer as "the most outstanding example of personal initiative and daring I have yet seen," was performed on Monday by a Canadian pilot.

Benina Attack

The pilot, who was flying on reconnaissance in a newly-arrived American 'plane, saw a large number of Junkers 52's (troop-carrying 'planes) lined up, wing to wing, on Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi.

He asked his crew whether they were willing to attack, despite the fact that the flight was purely a reconnaissance one. "Sure, let's have a crack at them," was the reply.

He thereupon dived down from 12,000 feet until he was only 50 feet above the ground, and flew straight across the line of German 'planes, out of which troops were just stepping.

Germans Shocked

His guns set fire to one 'plane and several others were enveloped in smoke.

The troops, apparently flabbergasted by the sudden attack, had no time to raise their Tommy-guns and crumpled up all along the line.

This is the largest collection of aircraft seen at a Libyan aerodrome and indicates the extent to which the Germans find it necessary to stiffen the Italians.

Great Satisfaction

Mr. Churchill's Sunday broadcast, which is taken to mean we do not intend to accept a defensive attitude in the Western Desert, has caused the greatest satisfaction among the troops, who are not in the least intimidated by the superior numbers against them and who are all as keen as possible to get to grips with the "Jeries," Reuter.

C. M. MACDONALD IN HOSPITAL

Mr. C. M. Macdonald, Far Eastern correspondent of "The Times," underwent a minor throat operation in the War Memorial Hospital yesterday. Mr. Macdonald expects to leave hospital in about a fortnight.

GERMAN FREIGHTER RUNS BLOCKADE

The German freighter "Natal," from Hamburg, has eluded the British blockade and arrived at Santos (Brazil) with 260 tons of cargo, says Reuter from Rio de Janeiro.

EGYPT UNSHAKEN BY EVENTS

"Mr. Churchill's bold warning of dangers to come and his frank admission of British reverses has not depressed Egyptians but has rather stimulated them by the fact that Britain is more determined than ever to defeat Germany."

So declared an Egyptian Government spokesman to Reuter in Cairo yesterday.

"There is no feeling among Egyptians that the British Empire will split in twain if the enemy should close the Mediterranean, since the exploits of Indian troops in Africa have brought home the knowledge that close at hand lies the Empire's eastern bulwark—India, which is able to produce men and material apart from the supplies continually arriving from England," Reuter.

TURKISH DEFENCE TOUR

PRESIDENT INEUNU OF TURKEY HAS NOT RETURNED TO ANKARA FROM WESTERN TURKEY, AS STATED BY CERTAIN FOREIGN RADIO STATIONS, SAYS AN ANKARA DESPATCH TO THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY. HE IS, INDEED, LIKELY TO SPEND ANOTHER WEEK ON HIS TOUR OF INSPECTION OF THE AEGEAN COAST BEFORE LEAVING FOR OTHER DISTRICTS OF TURKEY. THE AGENCY ADDS. — REUTER.

CLOSED DOWN IN FRENCHTOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Though the four Chungking banks in Shanghai have opened in the Settlement their offices in Frenchtown remain closed. The city's Chinese community still shows no confidence in the Chinese dollar, with exchange rates unchanged.—International News Service.

POOLING SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES

Replying to a Commons question the Foreign Under-Secretary stated that after consultation with the appropriate authorities in the U.S., the British Government had drawn up a comprehensive scheme which already had been put into operation for cooperation in scientific matters with the U.S.A.

Dr. Darwin, Director of the National Physical Laboratory had been sent as director of a central scientific office working under the direction of the British Supply Council in North America.

Dr. Darwin will collaborate with U.S. research bodies and act as a channel for exchange with the appropriate authorities of technical scientific information.

He will also generally co-ordinate scientific, technical inquiries to and from the U.S. authorities except in those matters which are already dealt with through the Service attaches.

In addition, Dr. Conant, President of Harvard University, had recently visited England as President Roosevelt's representative in order to establish a corresponding mission in Britain. — British Wireless.

CONTROL OF PETROL

An Order made by the Secretary for Petroleum contains powers for controlling the consumption of liquid fuel and in future no person may use, by burning, any liquid fuel in contravention of the direction given by the Secretary for Petroleum.

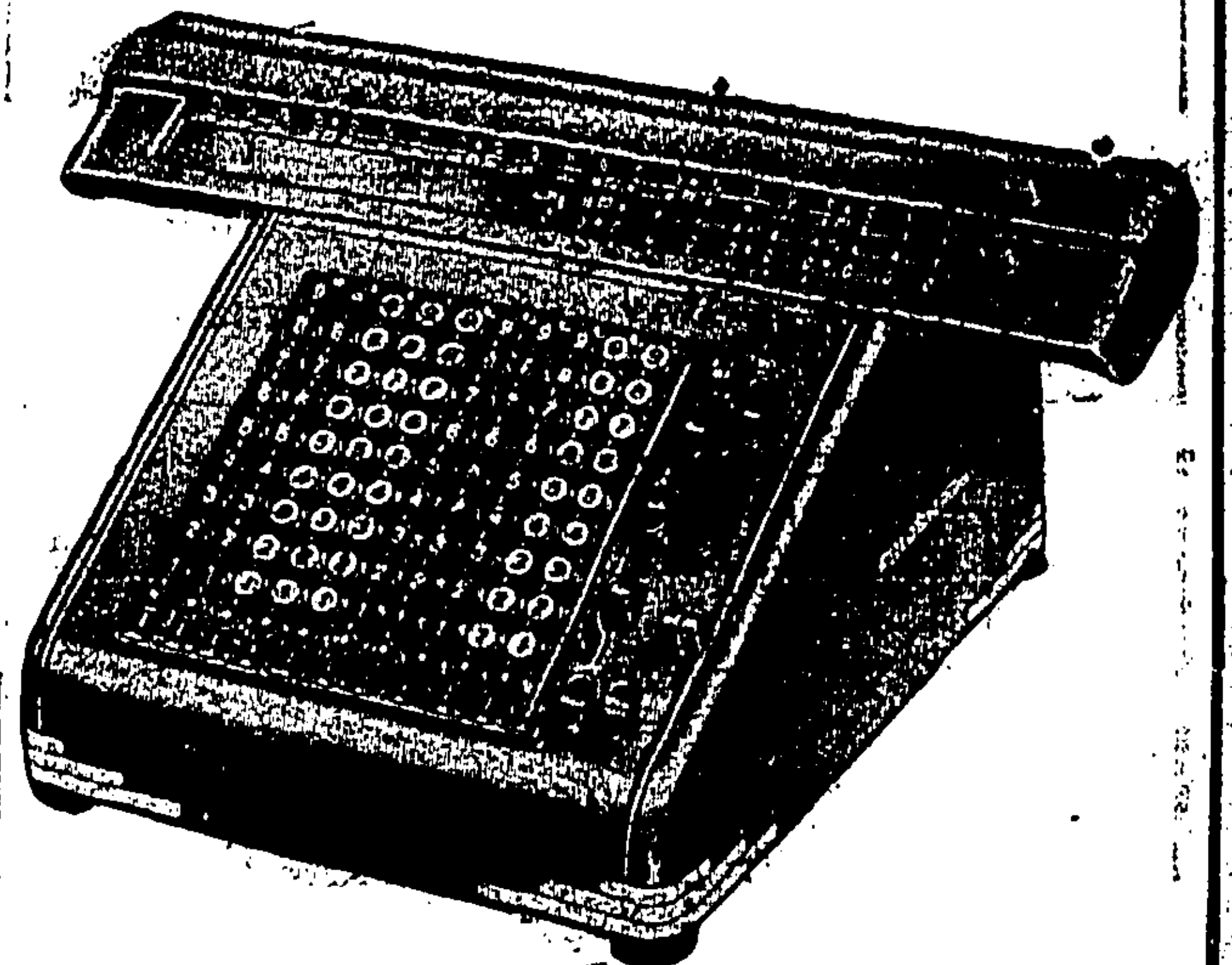
The new powers will be exercised immediately to secure the increased substitution of home-produced tar oils for the imported petroleum products at present used.—British Wireless.



Royal Engineers are helping to clear up the debris in the City of London. In this picture St. Paul's Cathedral forms a background to Royal Engineers using acetylene cutters as they work on girders among the debris. (Copyright, Fox).

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FOUR RAIDS IN 8 NIGHTS ON PLYMOUTH: NEW MEASURE TAKEN

A LARGE PART OF PLYMOUTH is to be declared an evacuation area following four raids in eight nights, and 10,000 school-children are to be moved immediately to rural areas in Devon and Cornwall.

Mothers with children, expectant mothers and old age pensioners who wish to make their own arrangements will be assisted to evacuate.

Fighter 'Planes In Action

During yesterday's operations by aircraft of the Fighter Command four medium-sized ships encountered north of Dunkirk were bombed and machine-gunned, despite thick cloud and rain, announces the Air Ministry news service.

As the bombers turned for home a number of Messerschmitts tried to intercept them but were beaten off by the fighter escort.

Spi fires on patrol over the Straits of Dover encountered a number of German fighters and a dogfight ended with the Germans quickly disappearing into cloud.

A British pilot said, when his aircraft landed, "Although we did not see any of the Hun crash some were damaged and we were left 'cock of the walk'."

One of two Nazi bombers shot down by A.A. fire during the raid on Plymouth crashed into the sea only 220 yards from shore. When it hit the water it threw up a terrific column of spray. SEARCH WAS MADE AT DAYBREAK FOR WRECKAGE BUT THE QUICKSANDS WHERE IT CRASHED HAD SWALLOWED IT UP. — REUTER.

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

The R.A.F. again attacked Junkers troop-carrying planes embarking enemy troops at Benina aerodromes, near Benghazi, on Monday.

One plane was destroyed and a number of others severely damaged, while considerable casualties were inflicted among the troops, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

R.A.F. fighters shot down a Messerschmidt fighter over Malta on Monday.

In Abyssinia, both the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force continue to give support to the successful ground operations.

South African fighters machine-gunned and damaged enemy aircraft on Gimma aerodrome and motor transport concentrations between Battie and Tandahs.

R.A.F. bombers bombed and machine-gunned enemy positions and trenches in the Chilga area.

One fighter is missing from all these operations. — Reuter.

A decision to this effect was reached yesterday at a conference between the city's Emergency Committee and a representative of the Ministry of Health.

Latest reports indicate that Monday night's raid caused widespread damage, particularly in areas already heavily hit, and many were killed.

NEVERTHELESS CASUALTIES WERE NOT SO HEAVY AS IN ANY OF LAST WEEK'S RAIDS.

Four Shot Down

It is now confirmed that four German aircraft were destroyed during the raid on Plymouth on Monday night, three by A.A. guns, says an Air Ministry communique.

Although there was a certain amount of activity by enemy aircraft during yesterday near the south-east coast there are no reports of bombs being dropped. — Reuter.

Official Statement

Announcing the declaration of an evacuation area in Plymouth the Ministry of Health states: "The question was considered last summer and the Ministry did not feel the step ought then to be taken in view of the heavy pressure on reception areas."

But the Minister himself visited Plymouth on March 24, shortly after the first of the recent air attacks on the city. The question was then discussed on the spot and it was agreed it was not necessary or desirable to take action.

The authorities responsible locally have now requested that Plymouth should be made an evacuation area and arrangements are being made to remove school

HEAVY ATTACK ON BREST

Attacks by both Bomber and Coastal Command aircraft on Brest, where German battleships are lying, were made without the loss of any aircraft, says an official communique in London quoted by Reuter.

RICE PRICE IN SHANGHAI RISING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
 The price of rice in Shanghai rose to a new level yesterday with number one Saigon rice quoted at \$140 per zeh.

The sensational increase was due to rumours that beginning from next month there would be no further large shipments.

The Rice Guild estimates present stocks at 1,500,000 bags. — International News Service.

CORFU OCCUPIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
 The Italian High Command claims that Black Shirt troops and units of the Italian air force have occupied Corfu. — International News Service.

children to the number of about 10,000 from areas affected as greatly as possible.

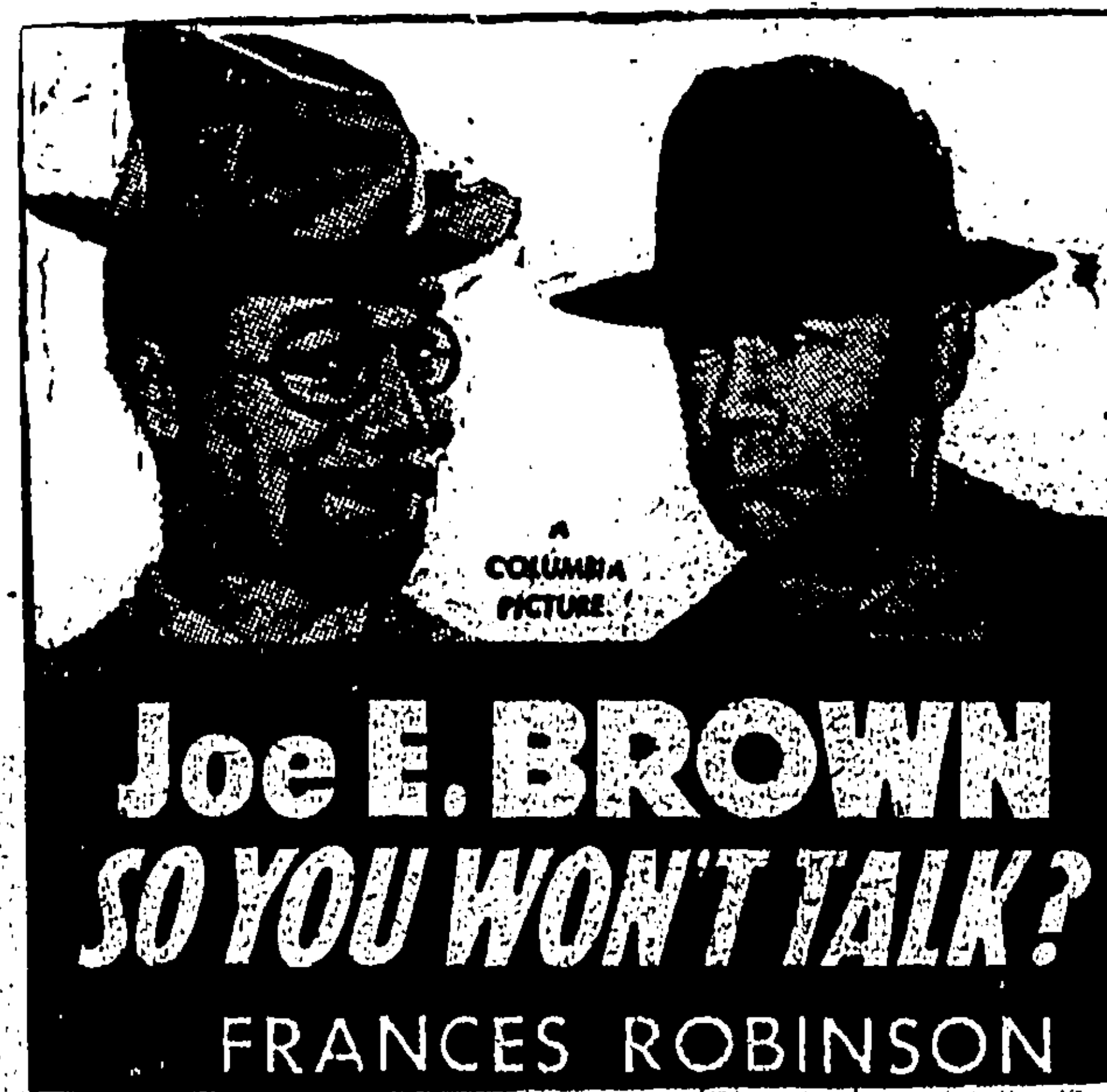
This decision places Plymouth in the same category as London and similar places regarded by the Luftwaffe as desirable targets. The evacuation refers of course only to children of school age and women with young children. — British Wireless.

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CANADA PLEDGED TO FINANCE BRITISH PURCHASES

CANADA HAS PLEDGED itself to finance the bulk of British purchases in Canada, estimated at \$1,500,000,000, declared the Canadian Finance Minister, Mr. Isley, in presenting Canada's third war Budget in the House of Commons in Ottawa yesterday.

Speaking of Britain's difficulty in obtaining Canadian dollars, Mr. Isley said Britain's deficit in this connection was \$795,000,000. Declaring it was unthinkable that Britain should be unable to purchase vitally needed supplies in Canada because of lack of Canadian dollars, the Minister said, Canada would meet such a proportion of that total deficit as Britain herself would be unable to meet by the transfer of gold or U.S. dollars to Canada.

Mr. Isley praised the new arrangement with the United States as "a magnificent contribution to our common struggle, not to ease the convenience of the Canadian people." At the end of the fiscal year Canada's balance of payments with the United States showed a deficit of probably \$478,000,000. Canada's total war bill for the current fiscal year is estimated at \$1,450,000,000.—Reuter.

LINDBERGH'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

COLONEL LINDBERGH'S RESIGNATION FROM THE UNITED STATES AIR CORPS RESERVE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE WAR DEPARTMENT. Col. Lindbergh tendered his resignation following President Roosevelt's criticism of his isolationist views. The President described Lindbergh as a "copperhead," which is the most deadly snake in the United States.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN TRADE UNIONS' WAR STAND

"The Trade Unions are determined to give 100 per cent support in winning the war," declared Mr. R. A. King, Vice-President of the New South Wales Labour Council, broadcasting in Sydney yesterday. "They stand shoulder to shoulder with the workers of Britain in defiance of Fascist terror." — Reuter.

Soviet Plays Up Churchill

Without comment and considerably shortened, Mr. Churchill's Sunday broadcast was prominently published in Soviet newspapers yesterday. Passages given include Mr. Churchill's explanation of the forces at General Wavell's disposal, his justification of the Balkan campaign, the statement that Britain would meet the foe wherever he might go, and the references to the Battle of the Atlantic and American aid. All mention of Russia and Hitler, however, was omitted. — Reuter.

N.Z. APPROVES

THE NEW ZEALAND WAR COUNCIL YESTERDAY PASSED A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN AGREEING TO THE DESPATCH OF NEW ZEALAND TROOPS TO GREECE. The Government's decision was arrived at "after a most able and accurate appreciation of the situation," says the resolution, which was adopted by the Council after listening to a statement by the Premier, Mr. Peter Fraser, giving details of events leading up to it.—Reuter.

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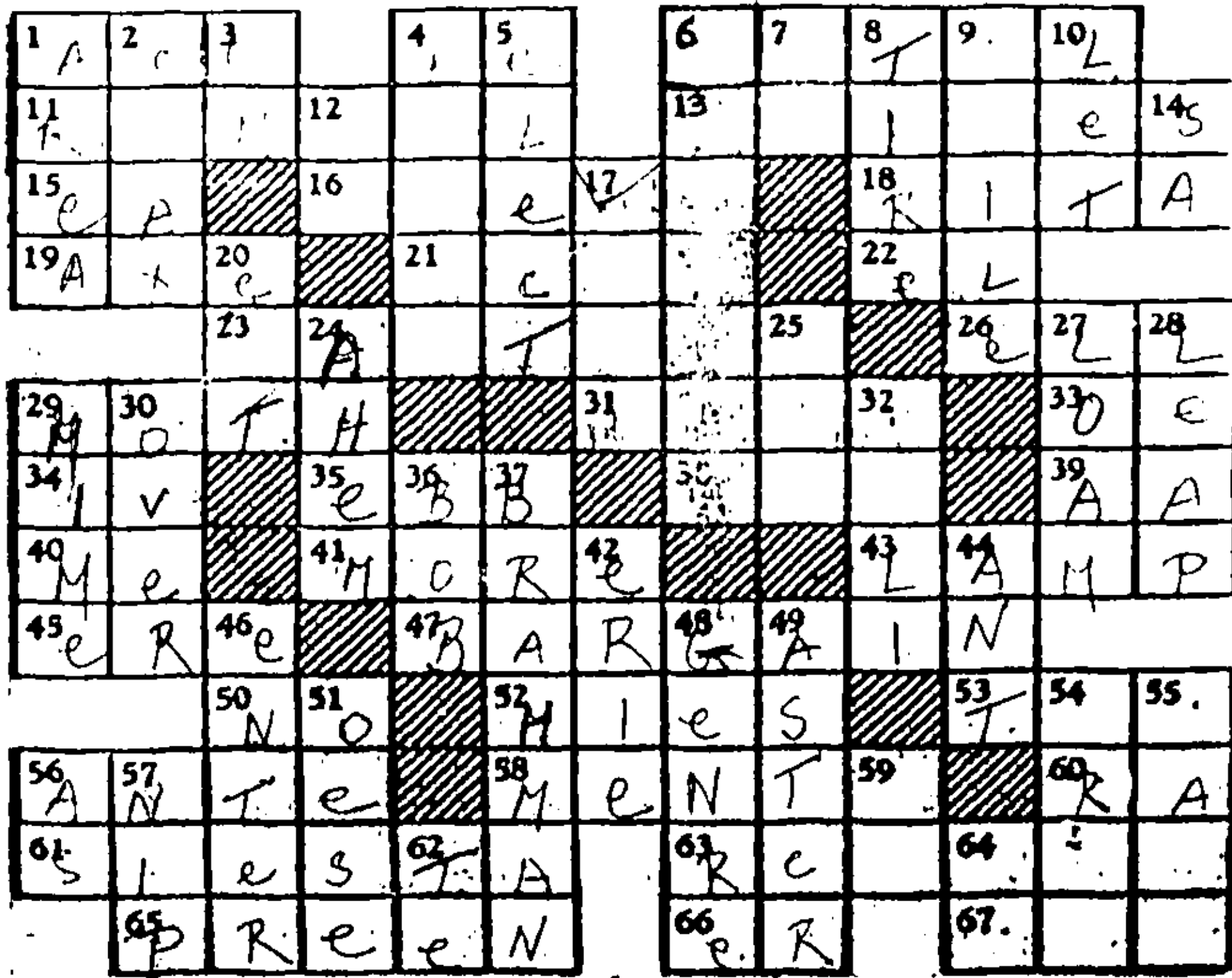
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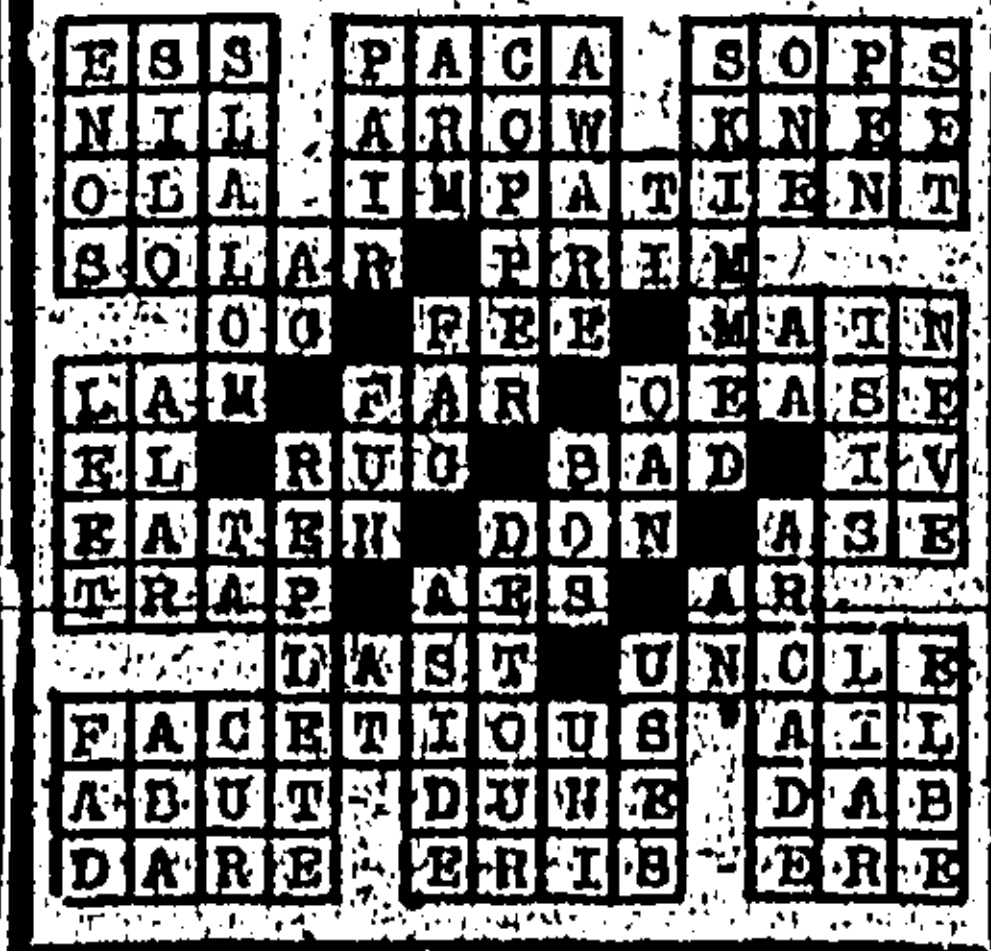
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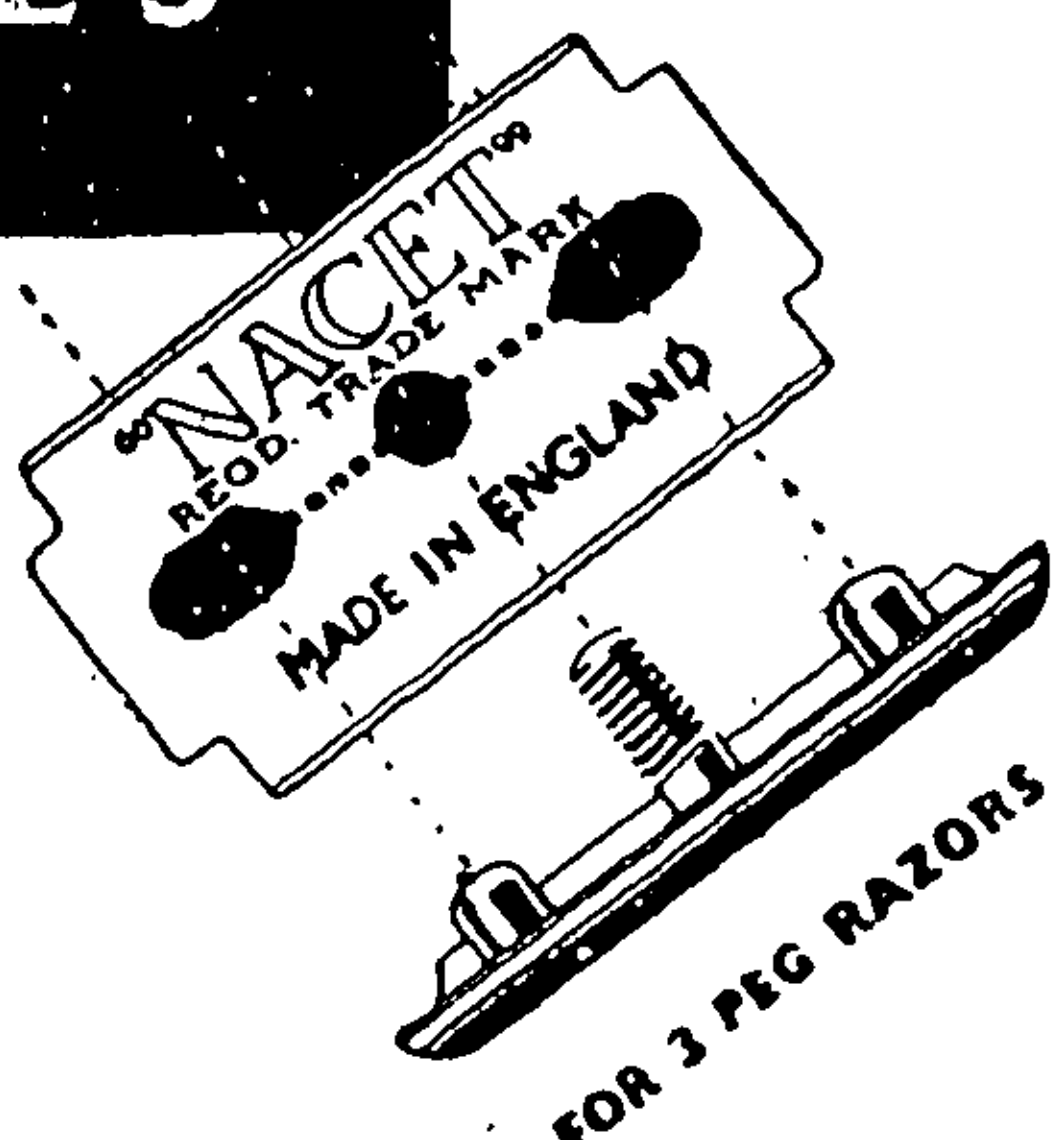
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PREPARING TO REBUILD BRITAIN

LORD REITH, Minister of Works and Buildings, is to form a panel of a dozen to 20 experts to advise on the "planned and ordered" reconstruction of town and country after the war.

He told the House of Lords this, defining his own job as responsibility for seeing that all practical preparations were made for physical rebuilding, a definite and distinct section of post-war problems. And he proposed to ask for the collaboration of professional and technical associations.

Policy decisions would have to be made on the place of agriculture, distribution of industry and organisation of transport.

Local Powers Important

He was authorised to proceed on the assumption that

The principle of planning would be accepted as national policy.

Some central planning authority would proceed on a positive policy for agricultural industrial development and transport; and

Some services would require treatment on a national, regional or some local basis.

The importance of maintaining the character and independence of local authorities was recognised.

Immediate work fell into three groups:

- (1) Measures necessary to prevent action during the war which would prejudice the reconstruction after;
- (2) Survey of resources; and
- (3) Critical investigation of the system of planning.

Three Test Areas

Under the first heading there was Mr. Justice Uthwatt's Committee of Compensation and Betterment, which had urgent reference to speculation in land values.

An examination of actual conditions in test areas had been started. Three heavily-damaged areas — Birmingham, Coventry, Bristol — were chosen so that the difficulties, legislative and administrative, standing in the way of redevelopment might be shown.

The survey of resources would investigate particular problems, such as the economics of urban redevelopment and revival. There was uneasiness about areas into which industries were being injected for the first time, during the war.

No More "Huge Towns"

The third group — planning — had to be essentially local. The unorderly growth of huge towns had produced too high a central density and traffic congestion. Good agricultural land and much of the heritage of beauty had been lost for ever.

Any legislation needed to give effect to some of the agreed conclusions which emerged would be promoted.

"In none of this," said Lord Reith, "should anything be found which diverts Government or Ministry from maximum war effort."

Lord Samuel wanted a new Ministry to deal with planning and reconstruction after the war. He suggested that the proposed Ministry should absorb Lord Reith's department altogether; take over from the Ministry of Health its powers dealing with town and country planning; and absorb parts of the functions of the Ministry of Transport.

Lord Addison said the vital thing was a central planning authority with power. It was impossible to wait until every imaginable difficulty had been the subject of inquiry and report.

ALIENS NOT "HALF-STARVED"

Nazi accusations that Germans interned in Great Britain are being "half starved" were emphatically denied by the Earl of Lytton, chairman of the Advisory Council on Aliens.

HOME GUARD'S COURAGE

An outstanding example of sustained courage under air bombardment is that of Home Guard Volunteer W. I. Whitlock, who has been awarded the George Medal, it was announced last night.

On the night of October 19, 1940, a building received two direct hits from high explosive bombs. Whitlock was on Home Guard duty and as a result of the explosions sustained severe injuries to his arm, leg and side.

His eyes were also injured by the blast, and he was thrown more than 20 yards over a wall.

Nevertheless he managed to pick himself up and, ignoring his injuries, made his way back to the offices which had been wrecked and under the debris of which was his section leader.

At great personal risk and almost at the stage of complete collapse Whitlock managed to extract his section leader, thus saving his life.

After performing this brave action Whitlock had to be taken to hospital. — British Wireless.

U.S. SENDS HOSPITAL

A giant mobile hospital, a gift from American friends of Britain, has been shipped overseas from New York by the British War Relief Society.

It is the largest field hospital ever constructed in the United States and has beds for a hundred patients.

R.A.F. NIGHT FLYER GOT HIS THIRD

AN R.A.F. NIGHT FIGHTER who already had two raiders to his credit shot down his third during darkness.

This machine, a Heinkel III, was one of three destroyed over England during widespread, but not heavy, raids.

The fighter pilot, a flight lieutenant who holds the D.F.C., spotted the Heinkel fifteen miles from the South-West Coast.

He got on to the enemy's tail and began "stalking" him — a process which kept him going round in circles for nearly ten minutes.

Then the German turned for the coast, apparently unaware he was pursued. The flight lieutenant followed him.

At nearly 14,000ft. the fighter closed in and gave the Heinkel a long burst.

"The gunner must have been killed, for there was no return fire," said the flight lieutenant.

"I saw incendiary bombs go down as though the pilot was trying to get rid of them, and then there was a huge orange flame as the aircraft struck the ground and began to burn."

The crew were killed. In losing three planes the Germans paid a heavy price for total damage officially described as "slight."

The number of casualties was small.

There was no survivor from a bomber brought down in the

£1-A-MINUTE TWIN FILM STARS AGED TEN WEEKS

Youngest wage-earners in the United States are the Hollywood twins, Judith and Dianne Fleetwood, aged ten weeks.

They earn £1 a minute for playing the part of an infant daughter with Cary Grant and Irene Dunne in the filming of "Penny Serenade."

The twins are identical, so when one gets tired the other takes her place before the camera.

TOMISLAV AFFAIR NEGOTIATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Italian marines and Customs river police are still on board the Yugoslav steamer "Tomislav" in Shanghai as negotiations for the ship's release remain unsettled.

It is understood the Italians have replied to the Japanese protest over the seizure, and the incident is expected to be settled this week. — International News Service.

ULSTER'S WAR CONTRIBUTION

Ulster's contribution to the Imperial Exchequer next year will be £11,000,000.

The Minister of Finance, announcing this in the Budget statement, said last year the contribution was \$6,000,000 but since then estimates of reserved revenue raised for war purposes had increased by £6,500,000 which should be reflected in the increased Imperial contribution. — British Wireless.

Newcastle area. One man baled out and was found hanging head downwards from telegraph wires. He died in hospital.

Bombs exploded as this plane burned, killing three civilians and injuring seven.

Crew Captured

This was the worst raid on the North-East Coast for a long time.

A police constable and two auxiliary firemen were killed and a police-sergeant and five auxiliary firemen injured.

Anti-aircraft guns are believed to have destroyed the third bomber, a Junkers 88, which fell in East Anglia. Its crew of four were captured.

In a London district a bomb crashed through into a bedroom where Mr. and Mrs. E. Burton and their eighteen-month-old baby were sleeping. It failed to explode.

"We were asleep and did not hear the bomb falling," said Mr. Burton. "The ceiling fell on the bed and the room was filled with dust and plaster. Except for a few scratches none of us was hurt."

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LINDBERGH TACTICS

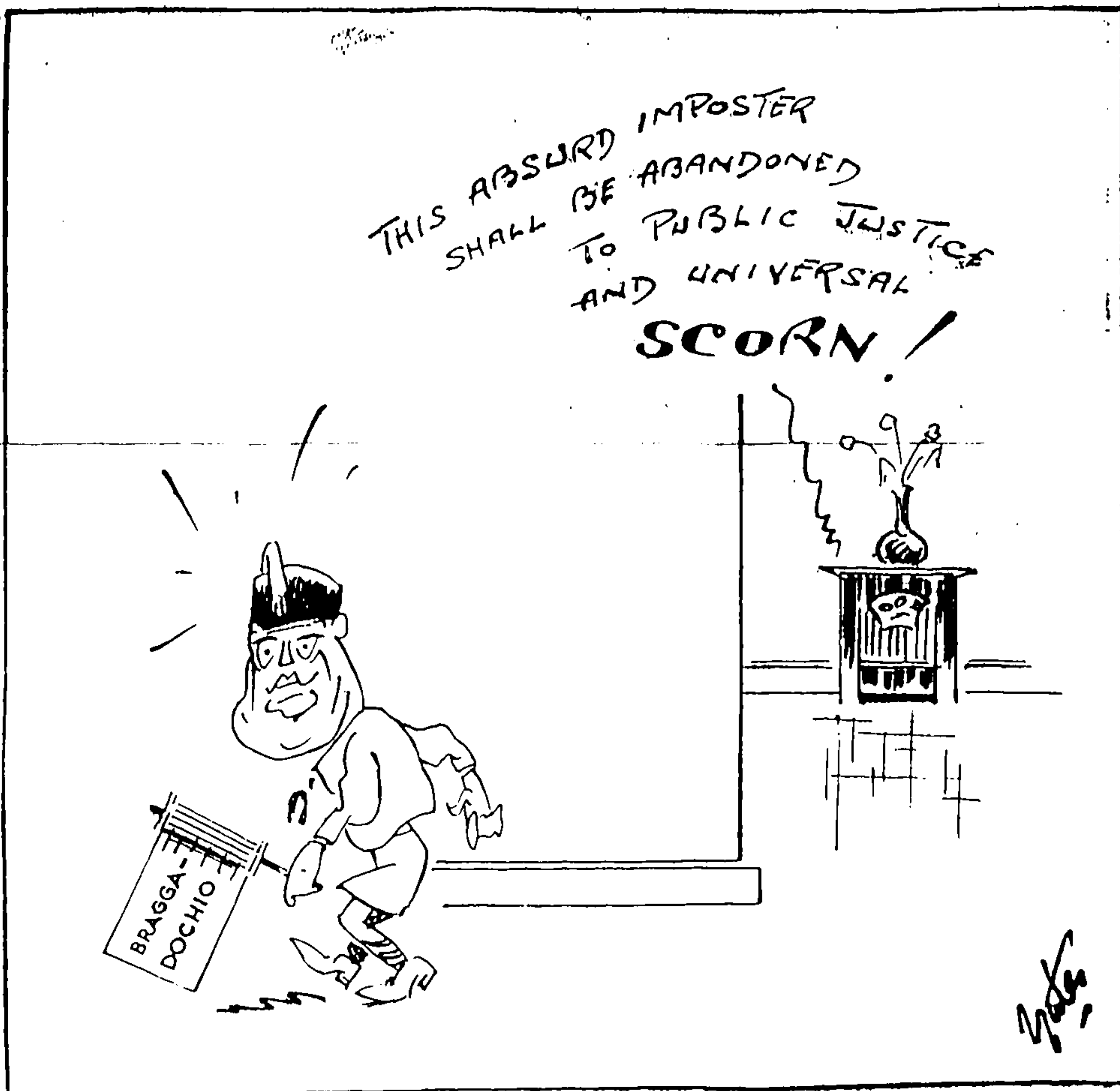
Colonel Lindbergh's letter to President Roosevelt resigning his commission was couched in terms likely to have most emotional appeal to American public opinion. "Copperhead" seems to have touched him on the raw, but the tactical astuteness revealed in the manner of his riposte makes it very clear that Colonel Lindbergh is very conscious of the point behind the President's strictures and that his attitude is unshaken. Colonel Lindbergh has done as much as any individual along the line that delights Axis propagandists and to contribute to the ominous pattern in the reiterated failure of large sections of the American people to catch up with the swift move of events. In August, 1939, they listened gladly to those who said "Germany will never dare start a new war." During the winter months of inaction they wrote the contest off as a "phony" war -- and thus saved themselves the embarrassment of facing ugly facts. When the first rumours came that Holland and Belgium might be invaded they solaced themselves with the words "Germany would never do that." As Denmark and Norway fell, and the war was brought to their very shores by the issue of Greenland, they chorused louder than ever: "This is not our war." When Holland and Belgium were crushed and France fell they hearkened gladly to those who said that it made no difference which side won. And now, as Germany has battered down the last resistors on the European Continent and is within reach of Suez and Morocco, these same people say that Africa is a long way off, and that what has happened in the Balkans does not concern America.

All this while, with the ruthlessness of the inexorable, war has been marching closer to the Western World day by day. We are not referring to those acts implicit in the policy of aid to Britain nor are we speaking of such acts of President Roosevelt and Mr. Hull as their offer of help to Yugoslavia and Greece and their denunciation of Germany's invasion as "barbaric." Rather are we referring to the world-conquering changes which are implicit in Germany's virtual annexation of all of Europe west of Russia, and in the undeniable evidences that Hitler's aim is nothing short of world domination.

The basic facts have not changed. For months -- in fact for years -- it has been clear to students of German policy that this was the German ambition. It was equally clear that this could be achieved only by the defeat and break-up of the British Empire. This in turn presented to America a choice between a world in which the dominant power outside the United States would, in one case, be an aggressive, highly militaristic German Empire, basing its world policies on the use of force, and, in the other case, a liberal-minded British Empire, more concerned with preserving the political status quo than with enlarging its powers, and stubbornly believing in allowing other nations to run their own affairs in their own way.

Happily, most officers in the Administration in Washington have been sufficiently aware of the dangers to American interests involved in a smashing German victory to take important steps to prepare against it. But even most of these seem to be as reluctant as the American people as a whole to face the question whether the defeat of Germany can be achieved by measures "short of war." The question is not whether the American people want to go to war. No rational person, British or American would want to do this if it could be honourably avoided. Rather is it if they can afford to stay out of the war so long as there is a prospect that Germany may achieve a complete victory, and so long as the customs of war make it easy for Germany to claim territory of its victims in regions whence attacks may be launched against the Western Hemisphere. As yet many Americans are reluctant to admit that this is even a possibility -- let alone that it is a danger. Fostered

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"History Grips Us By The Throat" — Mussolini.

Happiness In Hard Times

—By
Ivor Brown

A visit to a University in these days is scarcely a happy matter. True, the Colleges are not yet bare, ruin'd choirs; nor are they desolate. Sometimes the bureaucracy has filled up the empty rooms of youth, but there are still many undergraduates, not yet called up, mungling the gown of the scholar with the uniform of the cadet. But what a travesty of that great, gay, confident, expanding life for so the undergraduate's should be -- is this hurried and truncated and over-shadowed course!

Yet how rarely does one find self-pity in those whose entry to college or craft has been thus shortened or spoiled or prevented! The Briton does not often wear the crack of it to be heard in public; doubtless there is much privy and natural anger against the cruel and frenzied world of raids and ruins into which the far too clever scientist and the far less than clever statesmen have contrived to land us all. But not much is said. Youth now has one consolation not shared by its fore-runner of 1914-18: it can feel that it is sharing the danger and the damage and not carrying the whole of it while age and commerce flourish in comparative security. This must surely make an enormous difference; another war for the benefit of safe and pursy profiteers would have been insufferable. On the other hand, youth can reasonably protest that its elders had a plainer warning than was given a quarter of a century ago and that they dismally failed to take it.

It would not be in nature for the young person of 1941 to be as happy as was he of ten years ago. Yet he gallantly assumes a morrow and talks of a decent shape for things to come. He has not ceased to think of politics because he has to be a soldier. Indeed, one can walk about the quadrangles of Oxford without feeling any strong sense of bitterness and despair. A kind of buoyancy seems to continue and happiness buds on stony ground. Happiness, after all, is not the de-

by Lindbergh defeatism, they are in peril of following the same wishful thinking that misled many Americans step by step in the earlier phases of the war. The time for acting with realism and for putting an end to half measures is very near. Soon it may be too late.

licate shoot that some suppose, but often as tough as any weed that spreads intractably in the seemingly impossible nook and queerest cleft of disadvantage.

The relations of material good to mental confidence are always odd. Pessimism and poverty rarely go together. There are, of course, forever vocal the angers and despairs of Grub Street: the greyness of a Gissing or the self-slaughter of an artist too sensitive to lack of recognition will occur from time to time. But the major pessimists, the railers and lamenters on the magnificent scale, the mighty organ-voices of the grander gloom, have rarely dipped their pens in gall for lack of food and drink. Swift had his sorrows, but he was not hungry, nor was he conscripted for wars which he neither made nor wanted. Shakespeare's mood, to judge by his work, grew steadily darker as he grew more popular and prosperous. He was a far richer, more recognised, and better furnished man when he wrote "Timon" and "Lear" than when he wrote "A Midsummer Night's Dream." And surely nothing in all our literature rivals "Timon" (or at least its patently Shakespearean portions) for its fury of world-hatred.

Few have cultivated self-pity with more sedulous application to gloom (as well as with more lyrical genius) than A. E. Housman, and few have shaken a sadder head over the vain strivings of mortality to make something of its brief sojourn upon earth. Yet Housman had, for far the greater part of his working life, the comfort and security of Professorial Chairs; he had little routine work to weary him and amble time, both in term and in vacation, to prosecute his passion for scholarship. Neither oppressed with riches nor galled with penury, he had no calamities of marriage or the money market. Can one imagine a happier life than that of the natural scholar living amid the graces and amenities of an assured academic position, a man honoured by his colleagues and with no obligation to do any work but that most dear to him? Yet it was Housman who wrote this

epitaph which gives such a sardonic twist to the familiar sentiments about "the flowers of the forest."

Here dead lie we because we did not choose
To live and shame the land from which we sprung.
Life, to be sure, is nothing much to lose;
But young men think it is, and we were young.

Yet why should he of all men have so disprized existence?

Of course, in lives that seem most clearly made for contentment there are the inner stresses and frustrations which deny felicity. It is obvious that happiness, like the Kingdom of Heaven, is within us. Yet that is a most dangerous doctrine to pronounce. For does it not encourage all the bullies and exploiters and tormentors of mankind to give their victims but the scantiest meed of material comfort, on the ground that they can find their bliss in their hearts without benefit of jam or their bread? Once tell the world that joy is an accident or at least an inward function of the soul and what becomes of fair wages for fair work and all the reasonable consolations of the senses and the appetites? What of liberty, indeed the aspiring mind outleaps the confining fetters and the wall of stone?

The truth is that the statesman cannot create happiness, but that he can create or withhold the likely means of achieving it. Our Utilitarians jumped a stage in the argument when they talked of achieving the greatest happiness of the greatest number. By doing this they likened happiness to a lump of cake which can be equitably cut up and passed round. But happiness, being a by-product of one's activities, is certainly not crudely distributable sweet-meat. The Americans who based their Declaration of Independence on life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were talking more accurately than did our down Utilitarians. The pursuit of happiness, the fair chance to join the hunt, that is what a just society assures to its members. It never guarantees the capture. The Blue Bird, as Maeterlinck called it, is on the wing and nobody can be sure of putting salt on its tail. But we can see that all have a fair portion of the salt-supply and the opportunity to go a-birding, salt in hand.

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R.A.F. READY FOR NAZI USE OF GLIDERS

THE POSSIBILITY of the Germans using gliders in invasion attempts on Britain is a matter which provokes much discussion, especially when it is reported that the enemy has transported large numbers of these machines to Norway or that gliders have been seen in other occupied territory.

It is known that the Nazis have been experimenting with multi-seat sailplanes for a considerable time and that the German Research Institute for Sailplaning has developed a motorless seaplane.

A sailplane capable of taking off from and alighting on both land and water has been demonstrated at the Rangsdorf Lake in Berlin. Demonstrations of towing gliders by aeroplane have been carried out from time to time in several countries during the past few years, and Soviet Russia has shown that a flying train in which a series of gliders are towed by one powered aircraft is by no means impractical.

Germany's Pre-War Research

Germany fostered and developed gliding and the science of soaring to a remarkable extent before the war, and to-day the official organisation, the Nationalsozialistisches Fliegerkorps, has 5,000 sailplanes and training gliders. It also controls in various parts of Germany 465 camps and 25 fully equipped gliding schools.

It would not be at all surprising, therefore, if the enemy were striving to develop the glider in some form as a potential weapon.

At first sight the possibility of conveying large numbers of troops and equipment by flying trains seems rather fantastic. Closer examination, however, shows that under certain conditions such a manoeuvre might be successful. In the first place, the construction of a multi-seat glider involves no practical difficulties, and a machine which could carry at least fourteen men, and which would weigh about 6,000lb., could be towed with ease by a normal medium bomber. Such a troop-carrier could be built with well-streamlined form so that it would not seriously affect the speed of the towplane, and three or more machines, coupled by cables, could be towed by one aeroplane. Each glider would be controlled, of course, by a pilot, who would be able to converse with the other pilots by means of a normal telephone arrangement connected to each unit of the flying train.

The behaviour of the flying train in the air is normal; there is little risk of the machines getting out of control through being deflected by bumps, and a quick release gear ensures that trouble developing in one of the train does not bring disaster to the whole.

The Take-Off

The take-off presents the greatest difficulty, because owing to the length of the cable between each machine an immense area is required. This difficulty has been overcome by the Russians by means of brake-controlled drums which are fitted in the nose of each glider and upon which the cables are wound. This arrangement allows the machines to be grouped close together on the ground and to be made air-borne after a brief run. In landing the glider train "disbands," each craft being detached from the towplane and landing separately.

If the Germans are planning to use towed troop-carriers to invade Britain they probably visualise operations in which the gliders would be towed to a great height and then unleashed to make their approach in silence over our sound locators.

Such an attack might be made at dusk or dawn, when visibility is poor. To approach our coasts at any other time would be to court disaster, for no sailplane, even if armed, could engage our fighters and survive.

Whatever form of glider attack the Nazis may have planned, they will in no way spring any surprises on Britain. Every development of air warfare is the subject of constant study by the R.A.F. to-day, and the towed glider is one of the many devices which for many months has been investigated and tested.

HONG KONG THANKED

Mr. F. G. Maunder, Secretary, Hong Kong Earl Haig's Fund, Hong Kong and China Branch, British Legion, has received the following letter from Captain W. G. Wilcox, of Poppy Day Headquarters:

I now beg to acknowledge with very sincere thanks receipt, through the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, London, of cheque to the value of £350, which together with the sum of £1,200, received in November last, makes a total of £1,550. 0s. 0d. which I am presuming represents the truly magnificent and record result of your 1940 Remembrance Day Appeal and sale of Poppies in Hong Kong and Districts for the benefit of Haig's Fund, and I give you assurance that it is a most welcome and valuable addition to our funds.

We have been very anxious about the result of this year's Appeal in view of the now greater responsibilities of the British Legion and the adverse conditions under which the 1940 Appeal has had to be made.

I am happy to say, however, that there has been a widespread recognition of our difficulties and our greater needs, and the people of this Country, together with our many friends overseas, have given with conspicuous generosity for their emblems of remembrance.

Will you please find some means of expressing our deep thankfulness to our friends in Hong Kong and Districts who have so very generously supported your Appeal and assure them that their practical sympathy will mean much during the coming year to the men and women who have served their Country and are in need of a helping hand.

May I also thank you, the Members of your Committee and all other helpers very warmly for your valuable work, undertaken at a difficult time and in the face of so many handicaps. You have made a really valuable contribution to what I am sure will prove to have been a remarkable war-time effort.

AND THE ARMY STILL GOES ON!

Amongst interesting facts and figures revealed by the auditors' report on Army accounts is the fact that some £2,000,000 worth of expenditure, incurred while the B.E.F. was in France and Belgium, is unaccounted for because the relative books were lost or destroyed during the retreat prior to the evacuation at Dunkirk.

Another item is that of over £400,000, representing cash lost or unaccounted for during the evacuations of France and Norway.—British Wireless.

DARK DEEDS AT LIBRARY

In the darkness of the past few nights, people have been furtively dropping books into a red barrel outside West Hartford, Connecticut, public library.

The barrel was placed there so that borrowers, embarrassed by having kept books so long, might return them without being seen.

ACCUSED OF STEALING SHIP

Charles Gibbs, twenty-six and Thomas Harris, twenty-eight, were charged at Cardiff with stealing the steam tug Nora, value £6,000, the property of John Davies.

They were remanded for a week and allowed bail in £10 each and a surety of a like amount.

AUSTRALIA WAR DRIVE CAMPAIGN

"This is an opportunity to give the lie to German propagandists who are saying there is disunity between Britain and Australia," said the acting Australian Premier, Mr. Fadden, launching a £35,000,000 loan and recruiting campaign at a monster win-the-war rally at Sydney Town Hall yesterday.

He added: "When the full story of Greece can be told none will be ashamed; there is a credit as well as a debit side." Mr. Fadden announced that £10,500,000 had already been subscribed to the loan and military enlistment had already increased all over Australia.

MR. HERBERT EVATT, LABOUR MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY WAR COUNCIL, SAID AUSTRALIANS WERE INTENT ON A UNITED WAR EFFORT AND PARTY POLITICS HAD RECEDED INTO THE BACKGROUND.

They were determined to demonstrate to friends and enemies alike their essential unity.

The deputy Federal Labour leader, Mr. Forde, proclaimed Labour's attitude as completely indissoluble with the Allies. A recorded speech by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Wilkinson, inaugurated the rally.—Reuter.

500 MILES THROUGH GALES TO JOIN UP

FOUR ENGLISHMEN WHO KNEW NOTHING OF NAVIGATION HAVE ESCAPED FROM MADAGASCAR, FRENCH COLONY OFF THE EAST COAST OF AFRICA, IN A FIFTEENTH TWO-MASTED BOAT THEY BOUGHT FROM NATIVES.

They arrived on the Mozambique coast after fifteen days at sea and will go on to Durban by steamer to join the Army.

They tied the sails to the mast, fastened the tiller, battened themselves down, and travelled over 500 miles through three severe storms.

They were prepared to sail to Natal but the Portuguese authorities condemned the vessel as unworthy.

In Madagascar, the men said, business is at a standstill.—Reuter.

ARMAMENTS PRODUCTION IN INDIA

SIGNIFICANT OF THE cooperation between India and England in the matter of armaments production is Mr. Bevin's scheme for bringing Indian workers to Britain for training.

A number are coming to be trained at Government training centres and they will return to their own country to use the knowledge they have gained to assist in the development of war industries in India.

Recruitment of the first batch to arrive has been carried out by Indian national service labour tribunals. This first batch is 50 strong and consists of young men about the age of 20. Coming from all parts of India they are men who have already had a certain amount of industrial experience.

These now on the way are only the vanguard. A further batch will follow them and if the scheme is a success others will follow them.

Before leaving they were entertained in Bombay on behalf of the Government of India, and the meeting was addressed by a number of distinguished Indians, including Mr. Joshi, of the Indian T.U.C.

Training Course

After arriving in London the party will go on to one of 40 government training centres which are training people in Britain and will play a useful part in the drive to increase the production of armaments. There the first period of their training will be spent.

The centre has room for a large number of trainees and 50 of these places will be set aside for the Indians while the rest continue to be filled by English men and women.

The training course will be similar to that given English trainees. In addition to their board and lodging the Indians will receive 8/- a week pocket money and dependent's allowances will be paid by the Government of India. —British Wirelss

BRITISH GIFTS TO B.F.R.D.C.

Immediate result of Sunday's broadcast by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, which was relayed from Chungking by the B.B.C. and was heard perfectly all over Britain, was a further £500 subscribed to the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

This announcement evoked loud applause at the Fund's annual meeting in London yesterday presided over by Lord Donoughmore.

The Lord Mayor of London then read a letter from the Sino-British Cultural Association in Chungking enclosing £1,840 from Association members as an expression of their great sympathy with the suffering people of England.

Britain's sympathy with China was all the keener since we learned what aggression really means, continued the Lord Mayor.

Total of the British Fund for China now amounts to £228,299. —Reuter.

THAT NIGHT BOMBER "CURE"

Possibility that the United States has discovered the answer to the night bomber was discussed after a wireless address by Lieutenant-Colonel Paul French, who said his regiment possessed "a remarkable instrument" for directing anti-aircraft fire to the exact point "where under a given set of conditions our shells and approaching planes should meet." —Associated Press.

TIME LIMITS SET

Time limits have been set by Government for manufacturing firms to submit their schemes for consolidation and concentration of industries.

Voluntary schemes already notified embrace 25 per cent. of the labour force in less essential industries and represent a turnover of £50,000,000.

The President of the Board of Trade declared in the House of Commons yesterday that the time limit for voluntary schemes for cotton spinning firms was fixed for May 15, and for cotton weaving firms at May 27.

IF SCHEMES WERE NOT SUBMITTED BY THOSE DATES, GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE THE QUESTION IN HAND THEMSELVES.

Mr. Oliver Lyttleton announced other dates, not later than May 31, for proposals from less essential industries and added that large and small firms alike, not making arrangements for concentration in a smaller number of units, will have to face certain consequences.

Their labour, in many cases, will have to be taken for munitions or for the armed forces. Moreover, where there is a shortage of raw material, its preferential allocation to nucleus firms will mean the effect will be felt by other firms. —Reuter.

DENIAL BY AIR CHIEF

"As we have been assured that the material damage done in Germany is fifty times greater than that done here, may we take it that the number of people killed and injured is possibly in the same proportion?"

Mr. R. W. Sorensen (Soc., West Leyton) asked that question in the House of Commons.

The Air Minister replied: "I cannot possibly accept that. I have never said the damage in Germany was fifty times greater than it is here."

"Who?"

Mr. Sorensen said one of the Air Minister's colleagues had made such a statement.

There were cries of "Who?" One or two members called out, "Greenwood."

[Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister Without Portfolio said at Colchester that Germany had suffered fifty times as much industrial damage from bombing as Britain had.]

THEY THRIVE DOWN UNDER

A delicate child from a poor London district has grown five inches since being evacuated to Australia fourteen months ago, says Reuter.

NO ALERT IN LONDON AGAIN

For the third successive night London had no alert up to a late hour last night, but some bombs were dropped in a district in East Anglia and enemy aircraft were also reported over the south-west coast of England. —Reuter.

T.U.C. LEADER IN NEW ZEALAND

THE BRITISH T.U.C. DELEGATE, MR. W. HOLMES, BROUGHT A MESSAGE FROM FIVE MILLION BRITISH TRADE UNIONISTS TO A NEW ZEALAND MEETING OF CONFERRERS IN WELLINGTON WHICH UNANIMOUSLY PASSED YESTERDAY A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF BRITAIN, PARTICULARLY WORKING MEN AND WOMEN, ON THE DETERMINATION THEY ARE DISPLAYING IN THE PRESENT TITANIC STRUGGLE.

The resolution further pledged their power to assist in defeating the aggressor nations.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, and several Ministers attended the meeting, to which Mr. Holmes gave the British Unionists' assurance of victory, strengthened by the knowledge that New Zealand workers were with them in the struggle. —Reuter.

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BRIDGE NOTES

IT ISN'T BAD LUCK!

By The Four Aces

"Isn't this bad luck?" a friend asked us the other day. "I made a perfectly normal rebid and look at what happened to me. Isn't it horrible?"

East, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
East-West 60 part score

♠ 2	♥ Q 10 7 4	♦ J 9 8 5 4	♣ K 10 7
♠ J 9 7 4	♥ K J 9	♦ A K 6 2	♣ 3 2
♠ A 10	♥ 6 5 3 2	♦ 7	♣ A Q 9 8
♠ K Q 8 6 5 3	♥ A 8	♦ Q 10 3	♣ J 5

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♣	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♣	2♠	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West, our friend related, opened the three of clubs and East won with the Queen. The singleton diamond was returned, leading to the cashing of two top diamonds and a diamond ruff by East. A low heart came next, South ducked, and West won with the heart King. West next led his remaining club to East's Ace, and East returned a low club.

Poor South had already lost six tricks, and was bound to lose three more no matter what he did! Actually, he discarded the heart Ace and West ruffed. Then West returned his low diamond, East ruffing with the trump Ace. And West still had a natural trump trick.

South lost 1,100 points on the hand, but it wasn't bad luck. It was his own fault, and we hope it taught him a lesson. (The chances are it didn't, however, for most players can give up anything but a bad habit.) He might have complained of bad luck if his perfectly normal bid of one spade had been doubled and set 800 points. But he was just asking for trouble when he bid two spades, and it served him right when he got it.

He should have been warned by West's no-trump bid and by his partner's pass. Of course was tempted by the hope of preventing the opponents from making an easy game—and he succeeded in that aim. But it wasn't worth 1,100 points.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 10 7 6
♥ K 5 4 2
♦ 6
♣ A J 9 8

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER:—Bid three spades. There is little point in bidding a suit before raising spades, because your strength is general rather than localised.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for two clubs, 40% for two hearts.

Question No. 703

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q J 8 5
♥ K J 8 6
♦ J
♣ K 10 6

The bidding:

Maier	You	Jacoby	Schenken
1♥	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ONE-MAN STATE ---SO HE SAYS

It's the same old world in the United States. These stories of a one-man kingdom, a corset strike and the animals' fortune-teller were cabled by John Walters from New York.

Alexander Reichert, twenty-nine, of Chicago, has "seceded" from the United States and declared himself to be an independent kingdom with himself as sovereign.

This self-proclaimed one-man State appeared before a conscription appeal board to argue that he could not be drafted for the American Army.

"I notified the Department last October that I had seceded from the United States," said Alexander. "As I am no longer an American citizen I regret I cannot serve in your army."

"I am now a member of the kingdom of Alexander, of which I myself am king."

The one-man Sovereign State was ordered to appear before a board of mental experts.

Girl strike pickets, parading only in corsets, caused a storm of protest among shocked citizens of Detroit, Michigan.

Police prevented angry middle-aged women from mobbing the girls, as they smilingly walked the pavements outside the premises of the American Lady Corset Corporation.

Astrologer to animals, Mrs. Dorothea Pratt is doing a roaring business among wealthy owners in New York.

All day she sits in her little office busily casting the horoscopes of animals that include dogs, cats, horses, cows, monkeys and rabbits.

Breeders come to Mrs. Pratt for assistance in selecting the right mates for their dogs and cats.

BLITZED—BUT BESSIE CARRIES ON

Mrs. Bessie Angell is a British woman who won't be beaten by Nazi bombs. Her invincible spirit in the face of cruel misfortune is an inspiration to the women—and men—of Britain.

It has won the admiration of Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, who has sent her a letter expressing his sympathy.

Her husband, Mr. Robert Herbert Angell, landlord of the Pound Tree Inn, Southampton, was killed by a bomb which fell outside the inn. Mrs. Angell bravely decided to carry on. The day after her husband's funeral she reopened the bomb-damaged inn.

That night the Luftwaffe struck again. The inn was hit by incendiary bombs and destroyed. Danny, her pet Alsatian, perished in the fire.

Still In Business

The premises under which she had taken refuge were demolished by a bomb.

But she is still in business—at the bomb-damaged Osborne Hotel, Shirley.

"When I lost my husband, my home and business," she told a reporter "I almost decided to join my sister in America. It was a fine broadcast speech by the Prime Minister that decided me to stay put."

"I was so impressed by his words that I wrote to him."

And this is the reply Mr. Churchill sent through his secretary:—

"The Prime Minister has asked me to tell you how very deeply he appreciated your kind letter. He feels it especially encouraging to receive such a tribute from one who has suffered so much at the hands of the enemy. He sends you all his sympathy in your great misfortune."

RAILINGS GO

The railings around the lawns in Parliament square, London, have been scrapped. They have proved about 15 tons of metal, which is now being processed for use in tanks, ships or guns.

IN FIRE PERIL—STAYED

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT]

"Go away! I haven't time to talk. I've got work to do." This was the reply of a volunteer raid warden, Vera Grover, when firemen rushed in to her post to tell her that a burning church steeple might fall on her at any moment.

Her colleagues wanted to report her bravery that night. She would not let them. They tried to make her a presentation. She would not take it.

Deputy Post Warden E. H. Berry told me of it.

Dive Under Table

"When the fire started in the church vestry," he said, "we dashed in and put it out. But more incendiaries came down, followed by H.E.s, and the church blazed fiercely."

"Miss Grover was alone in the post at the telephone. Firemen tried to persuade her to leave. She ignored them. I was arguing with her, warning her the post was probably doomed, when a bomb whistled down."

"She dived under the table and I drove into a corner. All the windows were blown in and the lights went out. We crawled out of the debris. I got a candle alight to show Miss Grover the way out. She refused to go. A few minutes later an order came through to abandon the post. Then, at last she put that telephone down and walked out."

"Just afterwards the church steeple crashed—but, by chance, it fell across the road and not across the house."

Miss Grover, a Civil Servant, lives in the country, but comes to town to do her duty.

I talked to her about the raid. Then the telephone rang.

"Go away," she smiled. "I haven't time to talk I've got work to do."



Toys do not always quieten the 'cross' baby

Graduate nurse tells of treatment used for her own baby girl.

When toys fail to please baby you may be sure that something is wrong. A Canadian nurse, Mrs. Mary E. Crosthwaite of Freeman, Ontario, tells of the treatment she found successful when her own baby girl was fretful. "My little girl was a small delicate baby at birth, always constipated and cross. When she was a month old I bought Baby's Own Tablets and was so pleased with the results obtained. I have used them constantly ever since when baby has been cross, feverish, teething, or at the first signs of a cold."

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



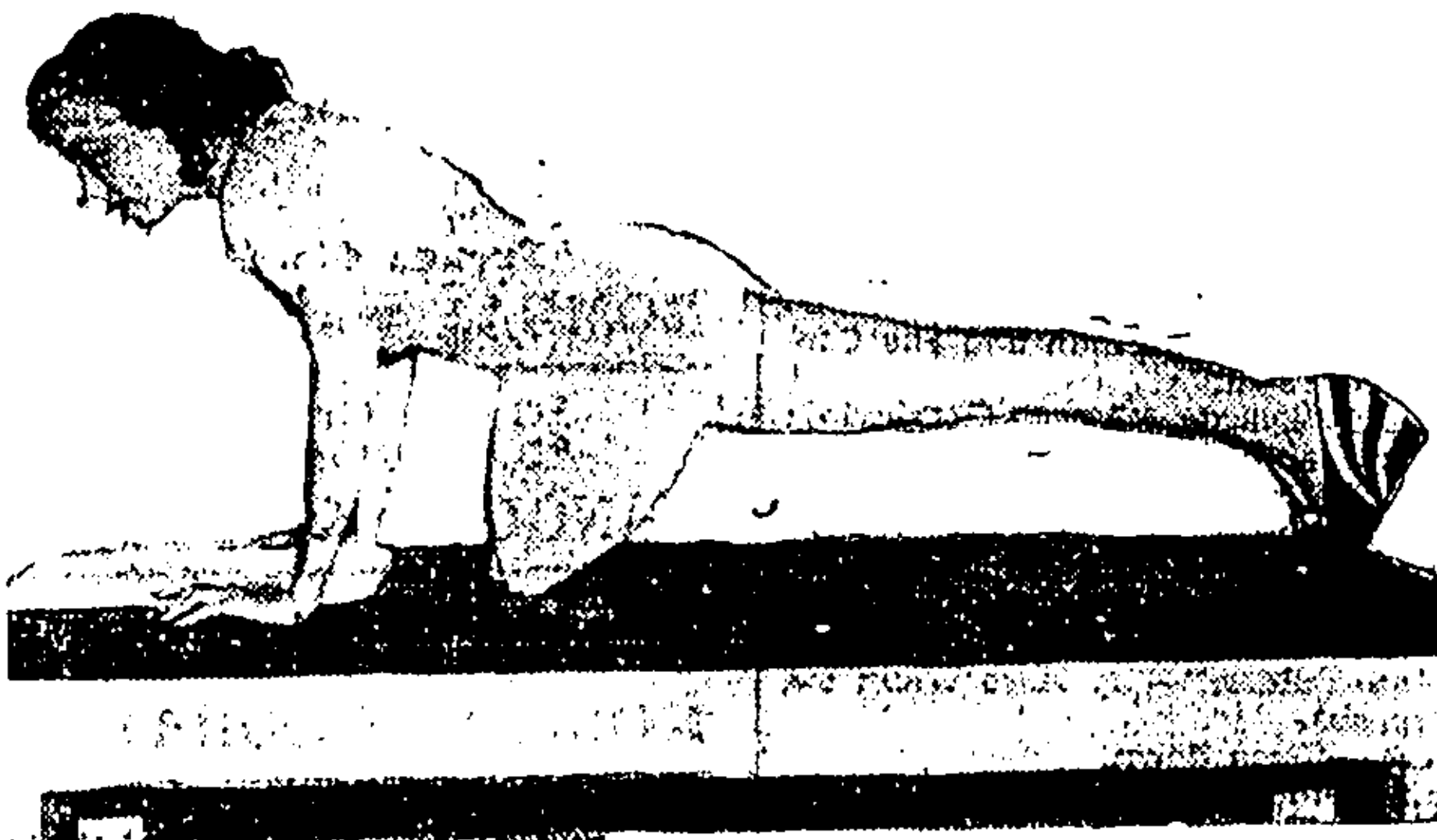
A PAGE FOR WOMEN Smooth Figure Bulges

You can if you want to streamline your figure in two weeks, but it does require exercising at least one half hour each day and cutting down on food. No in-between meal snacks, no alcohol, no sweet desserts, almost no starches and meat only twice a week. And here is your daily exercise schedule.

Exercise 1: Lie on your back with legs and arms stretched wide. Keeping both knees straight swing your right leg across your body to your left hand but do not let your toes touch it or the floor. Swing back to position. Use every muscle in your thighs and buttocks as you stretch. Repeat five times. Then swing your left leg to your right hand five times.

Exercise 2: Lie stretched out on the floor. Extend heels, come up to sitting position. KEEPING KNEES STRAIGHT and touch toes with fingers. This requires a good stretching. Then slowly, slowly lower your upper body to the floor again, as if you were rolling out one vertebra at a time. Flop arms overhead and relax a second or two, and then repeat. Ten times in all.

Exercise 3: Kneel and stretch arms up in the air. KEEP AB DOMEN IN as you drop both thighs right to floor with a thump, rise to kneeling position again and then drop both thighs left with a thump to the floor. This requires a twist at the waistline as you



To reduce fatty back. Slowly raise and lower yourself, keeping knees straight, and head back.

go from right to left to right, etc. Fall down on the fatty part of each thigh—that is what reduces.

Exercise 4: Kneel on one leg, stretch other leg out straight at side. Stretch both arms overhead high and then swing them in a big circle—clockwise five times, counter-clockwise five times. Reverse leg positions and repeat.

Exercise 5: Lie stretched out on the floor, arms relaxed, shoulders flat. Now without budging your shoulders from the floor

twist lower body over right then back to left, etc., fifty times. Swing rapidly and swing far—and roll over and back on the fatty parts of your buttocks. Increase times up to one hundred and fifty per day.

Every single day walk at least two miles, or five if you have the time. Wear loose clothing and low heels. If you cannot walk, jump rope out in the open for ten or fifteen minutes, resting whenever you feel breathless.

These DOUBLE-UPS unite meat course and salad in one dish

As mother used to say, "Nothing so rejoices my soul as finding a way to make one dish take the place of two." That's the way it is with meat and chicken salads. They're meat course and salad combined.

For luncheon or supper parties I often serve such double-up dishes. For them I start fresh with meat and chicken specially cooked for the occasion.

At other times, though, this same type of main course salad is a marvellous way to end Sunday's roast with a flourish and use up those odds and ends of cooked vegetables reposing lonesomely in the refrigerator.

Now meat, chicken or fish are dry. Therefore, to give them relish and zest in a salad, marinate them awhile beforehand in salad dressing. And the character of that dressing makes all the difference between just a so-so salad and a glory-glory one.

The dressing I like for many of my meat salads is sharp and given extra flair and flavour by tomato soup. . . you know, the condensed kind that comes thick from the can-like sauce. But here is the whole story on two of these salads:

Meat And Vegetable Salad

- 2 cups cooked pork, cut in 1/4 inch cubes
- 1/2 cup French Dressing with Tomato
- 1 cup cooked green peas
- 1/4 cup celery, diced

- 6 tablespoons salad dressing or mayonnaise

Cut roast loin of pork or roast fresh ham into 1/4 inch cubes. Pour the "French Dressing with Tomato" over the meat, and put in refrigerator for 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Then add the cooked green peas and diced celery and just before serving mix well with salad dressing or mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce, watercress, or other salad greens. Or place in centre of tomato jelly ring. Serves 6.

French Dressing With Tomato

- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup salad oil
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 2/3 cup condensed tomato soup

Mix together the dry mustard and salt. Then add the remaining ingredients and beat with the rotary egg beater until thoroughly mixed. Makes approximately 2 cups dressing.

And this same dressing is equally delicious when blended with chicken.

Chicken Avocado Salad

- 3 cups chicken, cut in 1/4 inch cubes
- 1/2 cup French Dressing with Tomato
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 1 cup avocado pear, diced
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice



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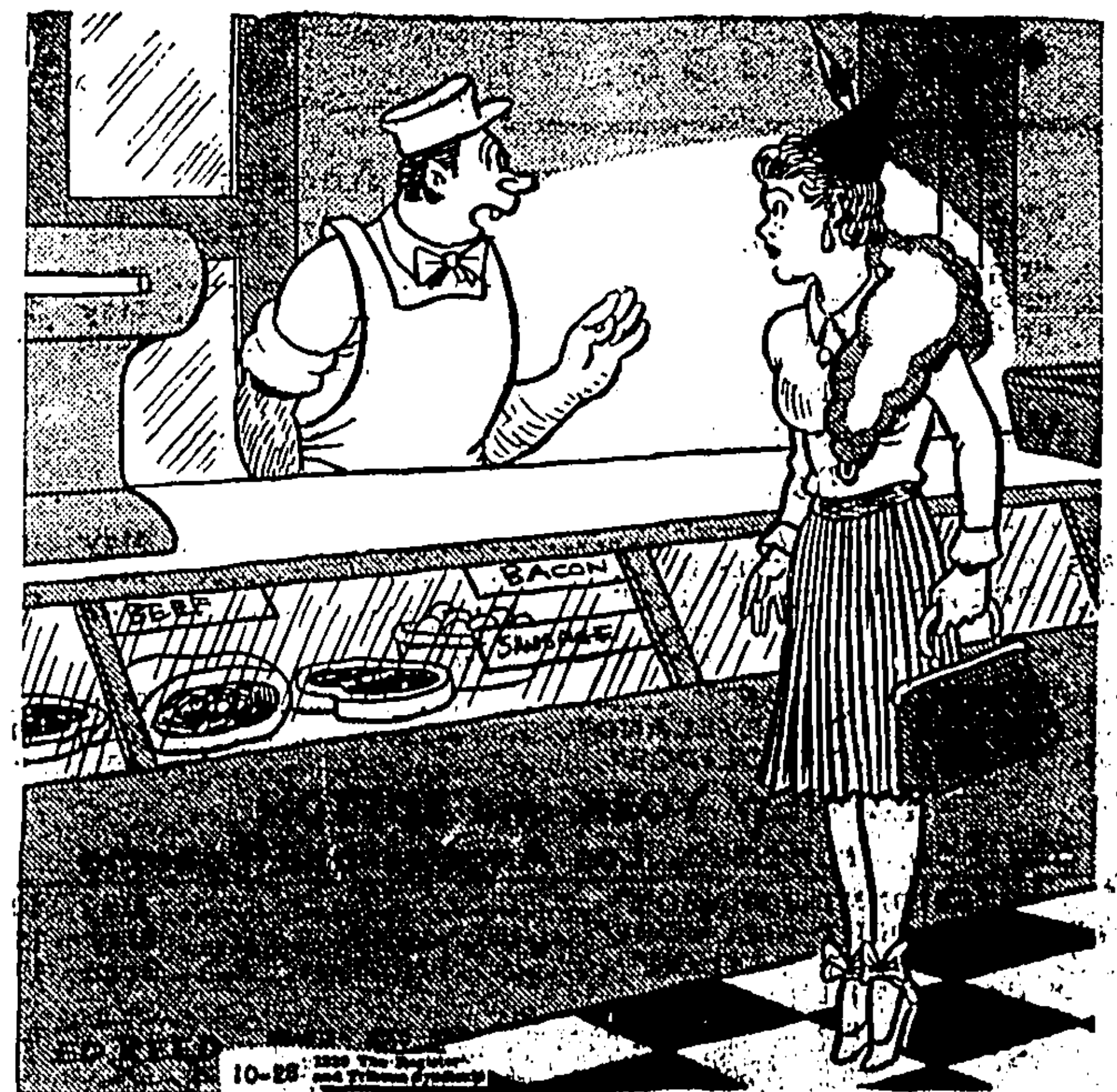
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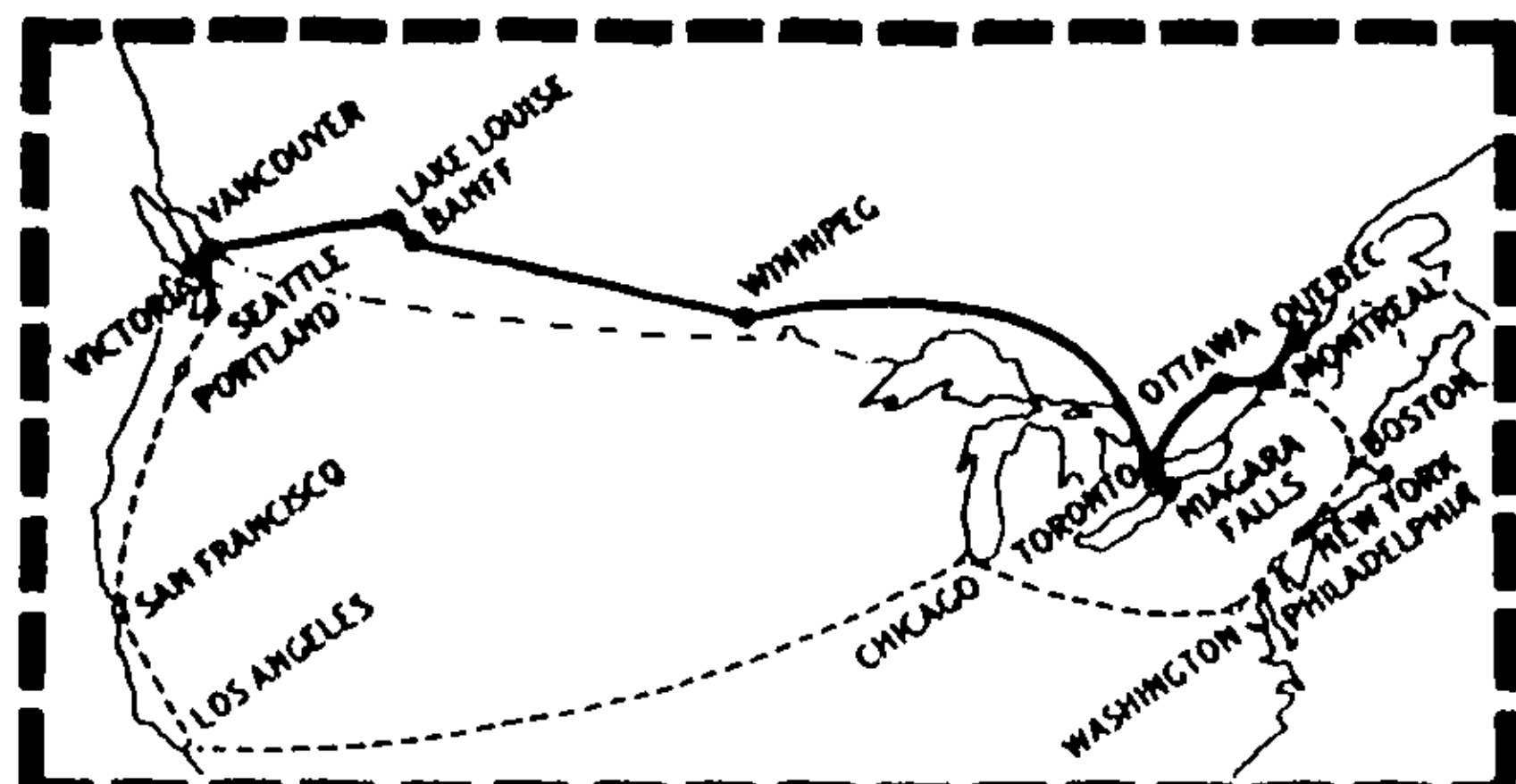
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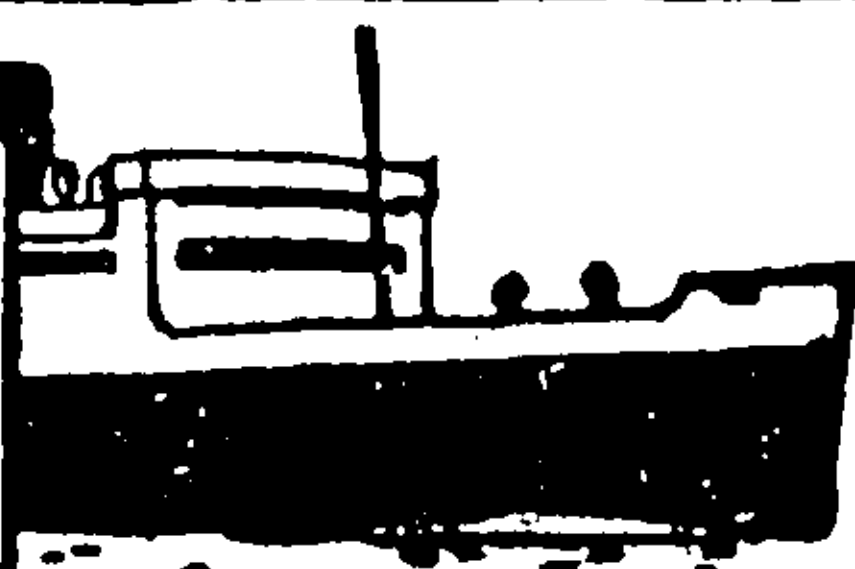
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Teddy Foster & his Kings of Swing. I'm Happy About the Whole Thing (film "Naughty but Nice"). Corn Pickin' (film "Naughty but Nice").
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Fox-Trots—Swanee: Ole King Cole.
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Maxime Sullivan (Vocal) with Orch.
Quickstep—With A Banjo on my Knee: Blues—Where the Lazy River Goes By. Teddy Foster his Kings of Swing.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
1.01 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Goldilocks & The Three Bears (Carr, Kennedy); Waltz for Those in Love (Carr, Kennedy).
The Street Singer (Arthur Tracy).
Vocal "Home & Beauty"—A Nice Cup of Tea (Herbert & Sullivan).
Love Me a Little To-day (Herbert and Sullivan).
Binnie Hale with Orchestra.
Accordions—Melody of Love (Arale & Davis).
Vagabond Fiddler (Damerell & Myers).
The Gypsy Accordion Band with Vocal Chorus.
Vocal—Moonlight Down in Lover's Lane (Hymman & others).
One Minute to One (Cools & Lewis).
Derickson and Brown.
Vocal "Majesty Melody"—Music For Romance (Maschwitz & Sherwin).
Binnie Hale with Organ Accomp.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Paul Whiteman and His Concert Orchestra.
Second Rhapsody (George Gershwin).
Heart and Soul (from film "A Song is Born").
White a Cigarette Was Burning (Charles & Nick Kearny).
When Day is Done (De Sylva, Katscher).
The Merry Widow Waltz (Lehar).
The Chocolate Soldier. My Hero Waltz (O. Strauss).
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.32 p.m.—A Bizet Programme.
"Carmen" Fantasia. The Charlotteburg Opera Orchestra.
I Still Seem To Hear ("The Pearl Fishers").
Lungi Fort (Tenor).
The Fair Maid of Perth. Suite (1) Prelude, (2) (a) Aubade, (b) Serenade, (3) March, (4) Gypsy Dance.
Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orch.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".
7.30 p.m.—Half an Hour of Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trot—Moonlight & Roses. Quickstep—Something Tells Me. Henry Jacques & his Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
Tangos—Love's Loneliness. Nora. George Boulanger & his Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Rainbow on the River. On A Little Bamboo Bridge. Billy Bissett & his Orchestra.
Waltzes—Throw Open Wide Your Window. Espana. Sydney Kite & his Piccadilly Hotel Band.
Fox-Trot—The Girl Who Loves a Soldier. Sydney Lipton & his Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
8.02 p.m.—Light and Humorous Variety.
Vocal—Give A Little Whistle. Turn on the Old Music Box (both from film "Pinocchio").
Arthur Askey with Orchestra.
Vocal—Nice, Kind Sergeant-Major (Burnaby, Long).
In Our Village A.R.P. (James, Long).
Norman Long.
Piano—Carroll Calls the Tunes—Intro: Begin the Beguine. Love is All. Memories Live longer than Dreams. In a Moonboat. I Haven't Time to be a Millionaire. Carroll Gibbons.
Vocal—Roll Along. Covered Wagon (Kennedy).
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Comedian—E's A Wonder (Burnaby).
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Will Kings.
Comedienne—Florrie Forde Old Time Medley. Florrie Forde with Chorus & Orchestra.
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Vocal—Duetists—Ding Dong. Ping Pong (Walsh & Dundas); Daisy, Tessie & Mabel (Walsh).
Walsh and Barker with Piano.
Entertainer—S.M.-Y.T.H.E. (Pounds & Long).
Norman Long at the Piano.
Vocal—Kiss Me Goodnight, Sergeant Major (Noel & Pelosi); How Ashamed I Was (Sarony & Holmes).
Arthur Askey with Orchestra.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News & News Commentary.
9.15 p.m.—Studio—Letter from Free China.
9.30 p.m.—Compositions of Ravel. Sonatine for Piano—1st Mov.; Moderato; 2nd Mov.; Menuet; 3rd Mov.; Ahlme. Alfred Cortot (Piano).
Nicolette: Ronde. The Lyons Mixed Chorus.
Pleco-en Forme de Habanera. Maurice Marechal (Cello).
Trois beaux oiseaux de Paradis. The Lyons Mixed Chorus.
Sparbo ("Gaspard de la Nuit" No. 3). Walter Gieseking (Piano).
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—Studio—The Third of a Series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day with excerpts from Famous Plays by the Studio-Players. Arranged by Evelyn Wood.
10.35 p.m.—Arntzenius—At the Court of Frederick the Great—Musica Antiqua. Speakers: N. Dainton, C. Barrett, N. Angier, H. Sartori, directed by Nicholas Roth.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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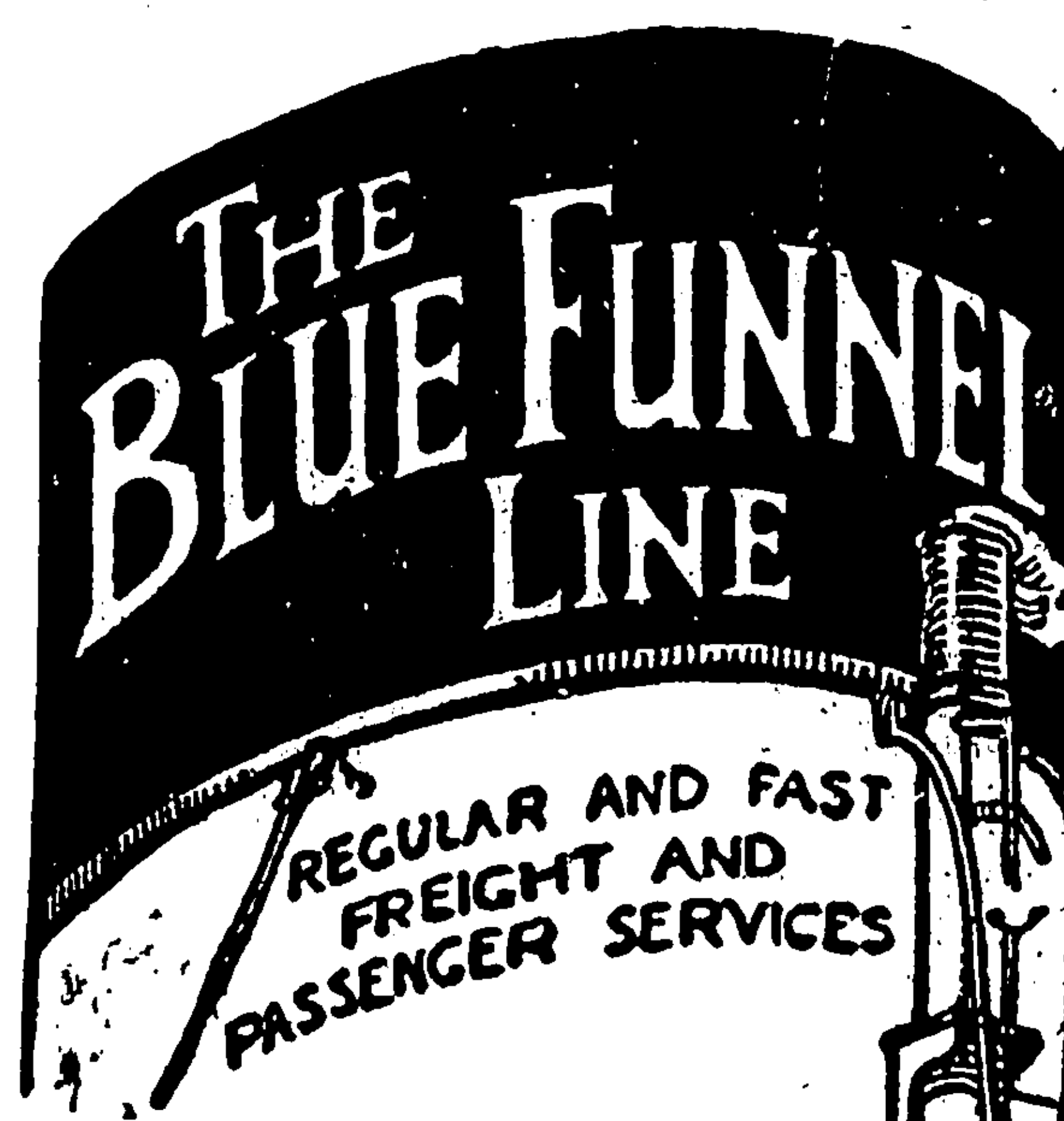
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Worried commanding officers, who cannot get their orders carried out because their men can't understand them, are applying to the War Office for a solution of the problem.

If special Welsh squads are formed they will be under the supervision of Welsh-speaking officers.

A large percentage of Welshmen in recent calls-up—miners, farm workers and labourers—have been taken for training in A.A. infantry units and mobile column units.

Lessons In English?

A number of these men who have been posted outside Wales say that, even if they are not put in Welsh-speaking squads, they would prefer to be among their own people, who can understand them.

One suggestion made to meet this situation is that lessons in English should be given Welsh-speaking soldiers as part of their military training.

"There is only a very small percentage of Welshmen who cannot speak English," a War Office official said.

"No plans have yet been made but where there are a number of Welshmen posted together it is likely they would be formed into squads of their own."

GIRL BEHIND THE YASHMAK

Miss Lila Sloan's idea—to popularise the face-mask by making it attractive as well as hygienic—is expected to cause a boom in the fashion world.

It will bring an Eastern touch to coming wartime fashion.

Recently Miss Sloan, buyer at Harrods' artificial flower and head dress department, was chatting to a doctor friend about the Government's intention to issue germ-shields to shelterers.

"Why not make them attractive?" she said. Make them yashmaks.

She was invited to the Ministry of Health, where she went round the research department, and the hygienic yet fashionable face veil was evolved.

At Harrods some of these veils were on sale.

"They are made of coloured chiffon with a special fine kind of disinfected lining," Miss Sloan told the "Daily Mirror."

"They look most attractive when worn with hats or even for evening wear."

"I am having them made in all colours and designs."

"Before we had them on sale I discussed the possibilities with the Ministry of Health."

SAW ROAD CRASH: WOMAN GETS £700

A WOMAN WHO claimed to have been in a state of collapse since she saw a road accident was awarded £700 at Norfolk Assizes. It was suggested during the hearing of the case that if a bomb fell near the woman in an air raid it might be the means of curing her.

The woman, Mrs. Esther Primrose Englestown, of Sunnyside Bungalow, Tacolstone, near Norwich, sued for damages the Rev. Geoffrey Ewart Shead, of The Walk, Norwich, and Frederick Herbert Hardy, of Mill Farm, Old Buckenham, Norfolk, a haulage contractor.

Her case was that in February, 1937, she was walking on a footpath and that Mr. Shead drove his car negligently from a side road, causing a collision with a motor-lorry driven by Mr. Hardy, and then mounting the footway on which she was walking. She was not hit by either vehicle.

Sir Charles Doughty, K. C., for Mrs. Englestown, described the case as "unique in its circumstances."

"Mrs. Englestown's nervous condition at present is deplorable, and she has had to be examined on commission," he said. "It is, I am told, most distressing to see the condition the lady is in."

Shell-Shock

She was suffering from what in men was called shell-shock. Mr. Justice Atkinson: I wonder what would happen if a bomb dropped outside her bedroom window.

Sir Charles: It might cure her. It might just as well be a cure as an aggravation.

For the defence, Dr. W. J. Connell, medical superintendent of St. Andrew's Hospital, Thorpe, said that when he saw Mrs. Englestown in June 1939, he formed the opinion that it was a simple case of hysteria.

"I have seen many like her, and they cure very rapidly, but they must be taken from their home surroundings."

The Judge said he was satisfied that Mr. Shead was to blame for the accident.

He awarded Mrs. Englestown £450 general damages and £250 special damages against this defendant, whom he also ordered to pay the second defendant's costs.

COLOURLESS STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was colourless except for gilt-edged, which further advanced on all-round demand. Home rails, industrials and oils were firmly held but business and price changes were trifling. Kaffirs improved on early Cape support, and diamonds were firm. Japanese bonds receded slightly but Chinese Customs loans improved. Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

LADIES 3RD ON RAILWAY

Male employees of the Board of Trade who are graded as "temporary principals" are issued with first-class railway vouchers.

When women Civil Servants doing the same work are travelling on departmental duties, third-class travel vouchers are issued to them.

Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., thinks this is reversing too much the old-fashioned principle, "Ladies before gentlemen."

In reply to a question in the House, the President of the Board of Trade informed her that the reason why the men travel first, while their women colleagues travel third, was a matter of salary grading. Only Civil Servants earning £600 and over are entitled to first-class travel vouchers.

On this reckoning, women concerned do not qualify.

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REPAY 60-YEAR DEBT

From Hingham Norfolk, where Abraham Lincoln's ancestors lived, comes a touching example of American aid for Britain—a good turn repaid after sixty years.

The rector of this little town, the Rev. Percy Greeves, has received a money order for £52 from Hingham, Mass. to be devoted to local war relief.

With the present was a letter from the Anglican rector of the American town, the Rev. D. R. Magruder, saying: "This money comes with our deepest sympathy for all the trials you are passing through and our prayers that God will preserve you and bring you to peace and victory."

"This town was settled in 1633 by men and women from your Hingham."

"There was, however, no Anglican church here until 1882. At that time your congregation was good to us. Some of your ladies worked and raised the money for our first communion silver."

"You also sent out the old Bishop's throne, which we treasure highly, as well as a lectern we have made into a Litany desk. Now we are glad to recall these favours and to make a little return."

Mr. Greeves has replied: "We assure our kind young relations in the more important Hingham that their generous act and the spirit which prompted it have touched all our hearts and will be remembered long after we have forgotten the horrors and miseries of this war."

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World Fair View Sets Record Despite Heavy Track

Handsome Dividend Paid On 'The "Daily Double"'

By "Rapier"

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING ON SATURDAY WAS A DISTINCT SUCCESS. FEARS OF UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER CAUSING A POSTPONEMENT WERE DISPELLED WHEN, AFTER A GLOOMY MORNING, THE SKY CLEARED SOMEWHAT AND THE AFTERNOON'S RACING PASSED OFF WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

Racing on the whole was exceptionally keen, but in view of the heavy state of the course, it was a surprise to see one record bettered.

Mr. H. C. Pih scored three wins and two seconds to top the list of winning jockeys, while Mr. L. B. Chao was second with three wins and a second, the former breaking the 1-1-4 Miles record for China ponies, under the new scale of weights, on World Fair View.

Honours among owners went to Mr. Li Lan-Song with two wins and two seconds, including the coveted St. George's Plate.

The first race, the Tamarack, resulted in a win for Mr. Pih (Mr. Chao) on World Fair View, who had a 1-1-4 Miles record.

Well Handled Pony

The fourth race, the Charter Towers Stakes, resulted according to expectations. Mountain View, owned by Mr. Pih, had a grand success of the afternoon.

There was hardly anything of interest in the race beyond the fact that Nominie Poeme (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Mountain View fought out the finish. The latter won by 2½ lengths and, four lengths away, Iron Belle (Mr. Wei) filled third place.

Pih's "Hat-Trick"

The first leg of the "Daily Double" was decided on the Broken Hill Handicap (First Section) for "B" Class Australian ponies. Much was expected of The Nineteenth Hole (Mr. Hearne), but after running well up to a certain stage, it faded out of the picture. A Happy Time (Mr. Tao) made the running fairly fast and led until the home stretch, at which stage Mr. Pih, on Man-O-War, took command and romped home to win by length and a half to complete his "hat-trick." National Courage (Mr. Chang) was third another four lengths away.

Favourite Only Second

The Koa's Stakes (First Section), over the 1¼ miles distance, found punters betting strongly on Bugle (Mr. Wei), but it disappointed badly by only securing second place.

Seal River (Mr. Black) took the lead at the outset, followed by Casino (Mr. Pih), Archer (Mr. Greg) and Bona Vacantia (Mr. C. W.). On passing the six furlongs post, Casino overtook Seal River to take the lead up to the half mile post, when Archer forged ahead to assume command, followed by Bona Vacantia and Bugle. Coming into the home straight, Bona Vacantia with Bugle in hot pursuit, overhauled Archer, and, although Mr. Wei tried hard, he had to be satisfied with second place. Seventy Six (Mr. Hearne) was third, just having the better of Archer by the narrowest margin.

'Double' Pays \$189.10

Those who successfully nominated Man-O-War to win the first leg of the "Daily Double" were not presented with too great a problem in making the right choice in the second leg, which was the first section of the St. Kilda Stakes.

The race was won by Royal Sovereign (Mr. Tao), which overtook Newborn Star (Mr. Proulx) on rounding the Village bend, and never looked back. Mr. Hearne made a great effort on Anzac Day but was unable to make any impression on the winner. Newborn Star was third. The Koa's Bear (Mr. Wei) the favourite, was a disappointment, probably due to



the heavy state of the course which did not suit the pony. There were 64 ticket-holders in the "Double", who had faith in Royal Sovereign, and they were each rewarded with \$189.10.

Tien Tien's Race

The eighth race, the second section of the Koa's Stakes, resulted in a favourite responding to the confidence placed in it. Tien Tien, ably ridden by Mr. S. W. Lee, obliged this time.

Sun-pot (Mr. R. K. C. Chao) was the first away, with Corvett (Mr. Trevorton) and Strathalbyn (Mr. Black) in close attendance. These positions were maintained until after passing the six furlongs post, when Sun-pot fell back. It was here that Corvett took the lead and so well was it running that a win was indicated but undaunted, Mr. Pan secured game to put Tien Tien, which shot forward near the end to pass Corvett and win by length and a half, with Strathalbyn trailing many lengths behind, third.

Daylight Fails

In the ninth race, the St. Kilda Stakes (Second Section) over the six furlongs, Daylight (Mr. Wei) was made firm favourite, but it failed disastrously. On the rise of the gate, Ophir (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) jumped out first followed by Googly (Mr. K. I. Ip) and Tobaccoship (Mr. Botelho). On reaching the Rock, Ophir gave up the fight and Googly took the lead, followed by Tobaccoship, Angel of Glory (Mr. Black) and Twinkling Star (Mr. Craven).

In the straight Googly was still ahead but Mr. Black applied pressure on Angel of Glory which responded magnificently to pass Tobaccoship and then Googly. It reached home an easy winner by two lengths from Twinkling Star, which came up in a belated rush to take second place from Tobaccoship.

The Best Return

The last race of the day, the Broken Hill Handicap (Second Section) provided the best win dividend of the day—\$98.10—Mr. Chao riding a clever race on Caterick Bridge to beat Contact (Mr. Needa).

The race started with several ponies bunched together. On reaching the straight for the first time, Joan (Mr. Yuen) took the lead, followed by Happy Returns (Mr. Wei) and Lex Fori (Mr. S. W. Lee).

On passing the six furlongs post Lex Fori shot forward to take the lead which it kept to the Village bend, when Caterick Bridge came out of the ruck to overhaul Lex Fori and take first position, with Contact, Vixen Tor (Mr. Hearne) and Venus Bay (Mr. Pih) in attendance.

In the straight Caterick Bridge had the advantage of a few lengths lead from Contact and despite Mr. Needa's determined effort to make up the leeway, it went on to win with a length and a half to spare. Vixen Tor was third.

Caterick Bridge's win was well merited, and it was to a great extent due to the superb riding of Mr. Chao.

Prior to the start Y. K. Tu was taken for a joy-ride to the Foot-ball Stands by Optima Fide, where the pony refused to move. The pony collided with the stone wall, and Mr. Tu had to dismount, and as it was getting late, and the pony was becoming more and more restless, Mr. Walker was sent to recall the jockey, the pony then being led back to the stables.

DAZZLING FIELDING GIVES INDIANS SOFTBALL TITLE

By "Grandstand"

THE INDIANS RETAINED THEIR INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL TITLE WHEN THEY TRIUMPHED OVER THE UNITED STATES CONTINGENT ON SUNDAY BY 6-2, WHILST THE CHINESE CUTIES HANDED THE PORTUGUESE LASSIES A 13-5 TRIMMING IN A GAME SPARKED BY ULIAN KHOO'S BASE-CLEANING DOUBLE, TO TAKE THE SERIES FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEAR.

In the absence of Willie Wilson, who patrolled the centre patch for the Stars and Stripes last week, the Mighty Mohawks carried the banner for Uncle Sam. If there were the marauding Mohawks, they were the finest bunch of Indian warriors I've ever set my eyes on, whilst mentor Markon Sr.'s Indians just couldn't be beaten last Sabbath, as they annexed Johnny King's Shield for the second year running in a dazzling fielding display before the loyal supporters, who turned out en masse, not custom.

Mound viceroy Kassa Nazarin limited the Waggoners to only four scattered blows in a steller slab performance, walked none and fanned none, whilst hurler Cy Jones was nipped for four bingles, passed two Markermen to first and whiffed one.

Hassan Best Batter

Savage Hassan had the best batting day, being good for two in three, whilst Pete Fitch banged in the only extra-base clout with a belty triple.

The Mohawks dished up two double cruises, when Lou Leight clanked his hands on Hassan's liner and pegged Abbas off first, and again when Sherry Bux, who had wheeled a walk, was tossed out by Waggoner at second, whilst Pete Fitch, who was covering the bag, pivoted the pill to Ernie Earther at first to snuff Abbas to complete the double play.

CHINESE OUTHIT PORTUGUESE

By "Grandstand"

Outhitting an erratic Portuguese squad, the Chinese maidens slugged their way to a 13-5 victory, to annex the Molthen trophy.

Mary Ng, for the winners, whiffed two and walked five, whilst Thelma Collaco, who toiled on the slab for the losers, fanned one and passed one.

Playing heads up tall for the first two frames, the Portuguese defence busted wide open in the third, as the Chinese femmes chalked up a cluster of four markers on three miscues and two blows, including Ulian Khoo's Ruthian wallop which cleared the crowded bases.

In the same innings, Therese Noronha, who now knows the reason why the third base has been named the "hot corner," switched with left gardener Theresa Maroues.

Another splurge of five runs dented the pay-off station as the Chinese Cuties plastered hurler Collaco for three blows, and sewed the game up with three more tallies in the sixth on a pair of singles and three Portuguese bobbles.

Two Runs Scored

The losers left two stranded on the base-paths in the first, and two frames. Two bingles and one Chinese miscue netted them two scored one in each of the next more runs in the fourth, and added only one more in a hitless sixth innings. Hilda "Bambina" Soares pinch-hitting for Ding Lopes filed out to deep right.

Although Thelma Collaco was guilty of four of her teammates' errors, she atoned by cracking out two singles in as many trips to the platter, whilst Ulian Khoo connected safely three times in five chances, including a double which chased in three of her mates. Doris Mar poled out the longest hit of the fracas with none aboard.

Indians Take Lead

The Indians shot in to the lead with a whoop as Jindoo "Muscle-bound" Hussain dented the counting-station when Cy Jones fumbled Marker Jr.'s dump, whilst Markar crossed the pan on Savage Hassan's blistering grounder through the keystone to chalk up two tallies in the first frame.

In the Waggoners' home half of the inning, Hank Sperry spanked Nazarin's easy offering for a single, but was caught pilfering second. Joe Morris next succumbed when he rolled an easy bounder to second-sacker Baby Abbas, and although Johnnie Schaberg singled to centre, Pete Fitch grounded out, for a two-hit no-run inning.

In the next chapter, both sides paraded three batters to the plate and back again in an air-tight fielding display, high-lighted by first-sacker Markar's brilliant catch of Molthen's foul fly, which he chased all over the park.

In the third heat Kitchell singled, but was forced at second by Baby Abbas, whilst a brilliant double-killing retired the side without further damage. The Mohawks threatened in their half, but Johnnie Schaberg only tapped out a slow roller with ducks in the pond.

More Counters

Two hits and a sacrifice, assisted by two miscues, produced another three counters for the Indians in the fourth, but the lead was slimmed as the Waggoners staged a two-run uprising on two blows, including Pete Fitch's wallop with none aboard, which dented the left field fence and would have been good for a four-master, only the Big Chief skidded at third and had to be content with a three-bagger.

A single and two fielder's choice plays presented manager Chuck "Heh! Heh!" Waggoner the opportunity to be the golden-haired hero of the day, but he only succeeded in forcing Ernie Earther at the plate on a feeble bunt. Hank Sperry filed out to end the chapter.

The Indians chalked up another marker in the fifth canto to clinch the game, Abbas making second on a bobble, and trotting home on twirler Jones' wild heave.

For the remaining three semesters, the Americans were shut out in a perfect fielding display, centre-fielder Big Boy Bakar coming up with a fielding gem, when he

MOST BRILLIANT CHAMPION THE COLONY HAS EVER HAD

K.W. Choy Outplays Wong In Every Department

Chelliah's Plucky Exhibition

By "Adrem"

ANTICIPATIONS OF A RECORD CROWD FOR THE FIRST SERIES OF COLONY BADMINTON FINALS WERE REALISED AND KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB LAST NIGHT WAS PACKED TO CAPACITY, IT BEING OFFICIALLY ESTIMATED THAT OVER 350 PEOPLE WERE PRESENT.

As is fitting, the matches last night produced a much higher standard than hitherto and although the main match of the evening, which had attracted the crowd, was to a certain extent disappointing, there were rallies which produced some of the most brilliant badminton ever seen in the Colony.

Choy Kok-wah, the University undergraduate, is the new singles champion. His arrival in Hong Kong this season has revealed badminton in a new light and there is little doubt that he is the most brilliant player ever to have held the title.

The women's doubles match, although it did not go beyond two games, was much closer than the scores suggest and it was only their experience that enabled the Misses Silva and Xavier to beat the hard-hitting Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmermann.

The junior singles was probably the most thrilling match of the evening and, considering it was a junior match, the standard was remarkably high. Young was expected to win but Chelliah had not been seen in a big match this season and no-one expected him to put up such a really fine showing.

The junior doubles was a keenly-contested encounter and again the sides were much better matched than would be suggested by the scores. Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were the better combination and made fewer mistakes.

Wong Off Form

There is no gainsaying the fact that the better man won the singles but how much closer the result would have been had Wong been at the top of his form. It is a matter for conjecture, although it is possible that his game was broken up by the all-court play, and terrific smash of his opponent.

It was this smash of Choy's that really governed the match, although the University player, as in no other match he has played in locally thus far, showed uncanny accuracy with his short game. He also easily matched Wong in the matter of disguise of direction, which it was thought, might enable Wong to keep Choy on the wrong foot and thus offset the latter's smash.

Choy's physical make-up plays a big part in his success. Wong can drive and smash as accurately, and with as much force as the next player, but except for a few isolated occasions yesterday, Choy, with a couple of strides, was across the court with such speed that he had any amount of time to work out the direction and possible effect of his next stroke.

Wong was playing a losing game almost all the time but I did admire the way he continually changed his tactics in an effort to stop the rot. He started off serving conventionally, clearing to as near the baseline as possible. Choy, however, merely coiled himself like a huge spring and unleashed smash after smash for which Wong had no answer.

The Chinese "Y" player then concentrated on the short service, with an occasional clearing shot to his opponent's backhand. Unless that clearing shot was 100 per cent accurate, however, Choy smashed and killed, and when it was accurate, he had little difficulty in clearing in the effortless manner at which he is so adept on the backhand.

When he was meeting with most success, in the second game when he drew up from 2-9 to 7-9, Wong was playing drops all the time and although he won several points, it was during this period that Choy showed his ability to play the short game every bit as accurately.

I formed the impression that Wong was nervous as he consistently hit the netcord or smashed wide of the sidelines but under no circumstances do I think he would have won as Choy was his master in every phase of the game.

Most Thrilling Match?

The second game of the junior singles match between Young and Chelliah was easily the most thrilling of the evening. Young set a very high standard in the first game which he took at 15-9. In the second he went on to 11-1 but it then appeared to me that he slackened somewhat. Chelliah staged a spectacular recovery and slowly made up the leeway with Young in the later stages showing signs of nervousness and loss of touch. "Setting" at 13 all, with the house in a great state of excitement, Chelliah secured the game at 18-15.

His efforts in the previous game had evidently taken a lot out of him for Chelliah gave little opposition in the third game and Young went out for game and set at 15-8 and was never in any difficulty.

Better Balance

Fisher and Wynter-Blyth showed somewhat more balance than Pereira and Xavier and won two closely-contested games for a straight games win. Xavier played some nice shots at the net and positioned himself excellently but Pereira's smashing, which has carried this pair to success hitherto, was very inaccurate last night.

Good Combination

The fine all-round game of Miss Silva and the splendid courtcraft of both players, enabled the Recreio combination to win the women's doubles title. Miss Xavier was at her best when playing the short game and both girls covered each other very well.

PATH OF CLUBHEAD

By BEST BALL

The clubhead which travels low along the ground in the impact area is thereby allowed a good margin for error. By this is meant that it may contact the ball at any point within a fair portion of its swinging arc and still turn in a swell job. Such a swing is of course favoured over the stroke which requires impact at an exact spot in the swinging arc. The latter method gives little leeway for mistakes typical of strokes started back by wrist roll. Harry Vardon was seldom off the fairway (some say never) during the years he was building up his great golfing record. His swing travelled low along the line of flight for the space of a foot on both the up-stroke and down, enhancing his chances of hitting the ball properly.

This type of hitting is initiated in the low to the ground method by which the club is taken back. This is accomplished by pushing the club back with the left hand,



THE NEW SINGLES CHAMPION

Mrs. Torrible played a hard-hitting game, featured by some good recovery-work but Mrs. Zimmermann was palpably nervous and her game suffered in consequence. Nevertheless there were some good rallies and interest was always maintained.

The final series will be played on Thursday, when the prizes will be distributed, and those intending to be present are advised to be in their seats before 8.30, when the programme is due to commence, or the chances are there will be no seats!

RESULTS

OPEN SINGLES
K. W. Choy beat Patrick H. Wong (holder) 15-5, 15-8.

JUNIOR DOUBLES
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat C. G. Pereira and A. E. Xavier 15-11, 18-14.

JUNIOR SINGLES (Semi-Final)
T. S. Young beat D. Chelliah 15-9, 15-18, 15-8.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES
Miss M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier beat Mrs. A. Zimmermann and Mrs. D. Torrible 15-7, 15-7.

MIDDLESEX SKATING CARNIVAL

Middlesex Regiment are holding for the first time in the history of the Garrison a skating Carnival at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Nathan Road at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The programme consists of the following events:
Inter-Coy. Hockey competition for which eight teams have entered.

Open events of Four and Eight laps (open to the Colony).

Inter-Coy. Races and other events.

Arrangements are in the hands of R.S.M. Challis.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

"A" First Division v Kowloon Docks (Away): W. L. Walker, W. McNeill, S. Randle and A. Holland (Skip).

R. P. Phillips, H. White, J. G. Meyer and A. J. Hall (Skip).

J. Sykes, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde Lay and G. H. Sherriff (Skip).

"B" First Division v Recreio "B" (Home): V. C. Dixon, W. C. Hodder, H. Lockhart and R. Duncan (Skip).

A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, D. W. Waterton and J. McKelvie (Skip).

E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, E. A. Atkins and L. Guy (Skip).

Third Division v Craigengower (Away): J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (Skip).

W. M. Wilson, S. C. Walker, L. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip).

W. H. Organ, C. E. Langley, J. S. Dinneen and G. E. F. Thompson (Skip).

RECREIO BOWLS TEAMS

Following have been chosen to represent Club de Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

First Division "A" v C.C.C. (Home): J. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip).

F. X. Soares, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division "B" v K.B.C.C. (Away): C. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).

D. C. Alves, F. A. Machado, Edie Sousa and B. Basto (Skip).

C. Vas. A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Guterres (Skip).

Second Division v H.K.C.C. (Home): E. L. Barros, F. X. Monteiro, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip).

A. J. Osmond, A. V. Barros, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip).

J. D. Remedios, F. J. A. Marques, A. F. Noronha and J. A. Remedios (Skip).

Third Division v H.K.C.C. (Away): G. A. Pinna, F. H. Carvalho, M. F. Pinna and P. A. Yvanovich (Skip).

F. Sequeira, J. O. Remedios, H. M. Xavier and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).

L. A. Rozario, E. A. S. Alves, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

K.F.C. BOWLS TEAM FOR TO-DAY

Following have been chosen to represent K.F.C. against the Kowloon Docks R.C. at Hunghom today, at 5.15 p.m. sharp:

A. MacIntyre, C. Dowman, T. Fergusson and W. Simpson (Skip).

A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden and W. Field (Skip).

W. Naef, A. Eastman, P. Young-husband and E. Kern (Skip).

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES (Semi-Final)
Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (Stand Court).

RACECOURSE CAR CRASH

A car moved on to the course as the horses were running in the first race at Plumpton and Roman Chief, a £200 horse ridden by S. Magee, came into collision with it.

Magee was thrown 20ft. into the air, but escaped injury. One of the horse's legs was broken and it had to be destroyed. The car overturned and the driver was slightly injured.

ENGLISH EX-CHAMPION SCULLER IS MISSING

Pilot Officer Louis Barry, English professional sculling champion in 1936, is reported missing while on active service.

Lou Barry spent five years in Italy coaching crews in Milan and other cities, and after training the winning eight in the Italian university boat race, he was presented with a gold medal by Mussolini.

On June 22, 1936, Lou wrested the English title from Ted Phelps, who had held it for many years over the Putney Mortlake course.

BOXING'S CRUSADER NO. 1

Henry Cotton is golf's Crusader Number One, and his magnificent results are known, writes a Home correspondent.

Sergeant-Instructor Arthur Danahar, of the Irish Guards, has, since the war break, figured in charity boxing efforts which have raised over £40,000—and who knows about it?

I confess I didn't until I dropped into a packed Chichester tournament over the week-end. Arthur was appearing, and I talked to his father, who makes one of seven Danahars in uniform, two of them on the distaff side. Incidentally, there have been five generations of fighting Danahars.

Carry On, Sergeant!

Arthur looked fitter than ever I saw him, if not so much the welter-weight these days. I don't believe he has ever refused an invitation to a charity show since the bugles first sounded.

This £40,000 figure—by no means boxing's grand total, of course—makes you think that the fight game, without much trumpeting, is playing its part in the national effort more nobly than many people have realised.

When the Home Office, for the best of reasons, refused exit permits to certain boxers to go to America on a charity effort, which would not have been of charity, I reminded them there was plenty of scope at home.

Such as Sergeant Arthur Danahar has proved that. There are some bigtime fighters we shall remember after the war—and some we shall forget. Carry on, sergeant!



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Next Article:—Punch And Precelion

CRITICAL OPERATIONS SUCCESSFULLY GOING ON

Mr. Churchill's Statement In The Commons

BRITISH BRAINS TRUST

A "brain trust" has been formed at Government's instigation to aid engineering developments for war purposes, it was announced in London yesterday.

This organisation will consider new methods and new devices and means of using them quickly.

Other tasks will include improved methods of utilising engineering science for war purposes and the best use of professional engineers.

Lord Hankey, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the present Government and secretary to Mr. Lloyd George's War Cabinet in the last war, will be chairman.

He will have the assistance of the cream of British engineering. — Reuter.

GIANT NEW 'PLANE

OFFICIAL PERMISSION TO BUILD A NEW FOUR-ENGINE LANDPLANE, DESIGNED TO FLY TO EUROPE IN 10 HOURS CARRYING BETWEEN 50 AND 80 PASSENGERS, HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION.

The machine will be the world's

Government's Motion For Debate

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY HE WAS SURE THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT WISH TO RECEIVE NEWS OF THE WAR SITUATION WHICH "ADDED TO THE DANGERS OF OUR TROOPS WHEN DELICATE, DANGEROUS AND CRITICAL OPERATIONS ARE BEING SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT."

Loud cheers greeted this pregnant statement, which was made during a Question Time discussion on the possibility of reorganising the Cabinet machinery and of an early parliamentary debate on the general war situation.

The Prime Minister announced a debate would be possible on the first day Parliament sat after this week.

He indicated that Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, might take an important part in the debate, which would be conducted on the basis of a motion which Mr. Churchill read, as follows:

"THIS HOUSE APPROVES THE POLICY OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN SENDING AID TO GREECE."

largest and most powerful landplane, except the B-19 bomber, which is about to be tested in California. It will weigh 43 tons. — Reuter.

Utmost Vigour

Loud and prolonged cheers were raised, after which the Prime Minister continued:

"This House declares its confidence that our operations in the Middle East and all other theatres of war will be pursued by Government with the utmost vigour."

Mr. Churchill had earlier rejected a suggestion to consider appointing a small Supreme War Cabinet of Ministers without departmental responsibilities and including statesmen of the calibre of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies. — Reuter.

AXIS "GET TOGETHER"

The second of a series of Axis "get together" meetings was held in Rome yesterday, states the German news agency.

The so-called "Constituent Assembly" of the Three-Power Pact met with Ciano presiding and the German and Japanese Ambassadors present.

It is understood that another meeting on similar lines will shortly be held in Tokyo, with Mr. Matsuoaka in the chair. — Reuter.

U.S. SEAMEN ON STRIKE

ONLY REMAINING AMERICAN STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO EUROPE, THAT FROM NEW YORK TO LISBON, HAS BEEN HELD UP BY A STRIKE OF SEAMEN.

The crew of the steamers "Excelsior" and "Exminster" struck yesterday in sympathy with the crew of the "Siboney," who struck on Saturday.

Cause of the conflict is the men's desire for recognition of their Trade Union. — Reuter.

U.S. COAL STRIKE ENDED

THE STRIKE IN THE U.S. BITUMINOUS COAL FIELDS ENDED YESTERDAY WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNITED MINeworkers UNION THAT PRODUCTION OF SOFT COAL WOULD BE RESUMED TO-MORROW MORNING.

The Union's move followed a notification to President Roosevelt by Southern coal operators that they would accept his proposal to reopen the mines while wage negotiations are continued. — Reuter.

QUEEN OF ITALY AT THE VATICAN

The Pope received Queen Elena of Italy yesterday morning and conversed with her over half an hour, according to the Vatican radio quoted by Reuter.

CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT FOR LONDON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In a further striking gesture of friendship and goodwill towards embattled Britain, the U.S. Government yesterday assigned Capt. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, to London, it was reported in authoritative Govern-

THE CZECH SOKOL MOVEMENT

London is now the headquarters of the Sokol movement, declared the Czechoslovak Minister of Interior, Dr. Slávik, yesterday.

"The Sokol movement, with headquarters in London, will do all it can to help our Sokol brothers in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland."

"When Mr. Churchill recently inspected our troops they carried a standard given by Sokols of the United States, one day they will carry that standard, in triumph through the streets of Prague. — Reuter."

ment quarters in Washington.

Capt. Roosevelt, who is a Marine Officer, will go to the British capital for duty as Assistant Naval Attache in the U.S. Embassy there, the same sources state. — International News Service.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Unofficial sources in Washington, commenting upon the action of the Soviet Government, expressed mixed views.

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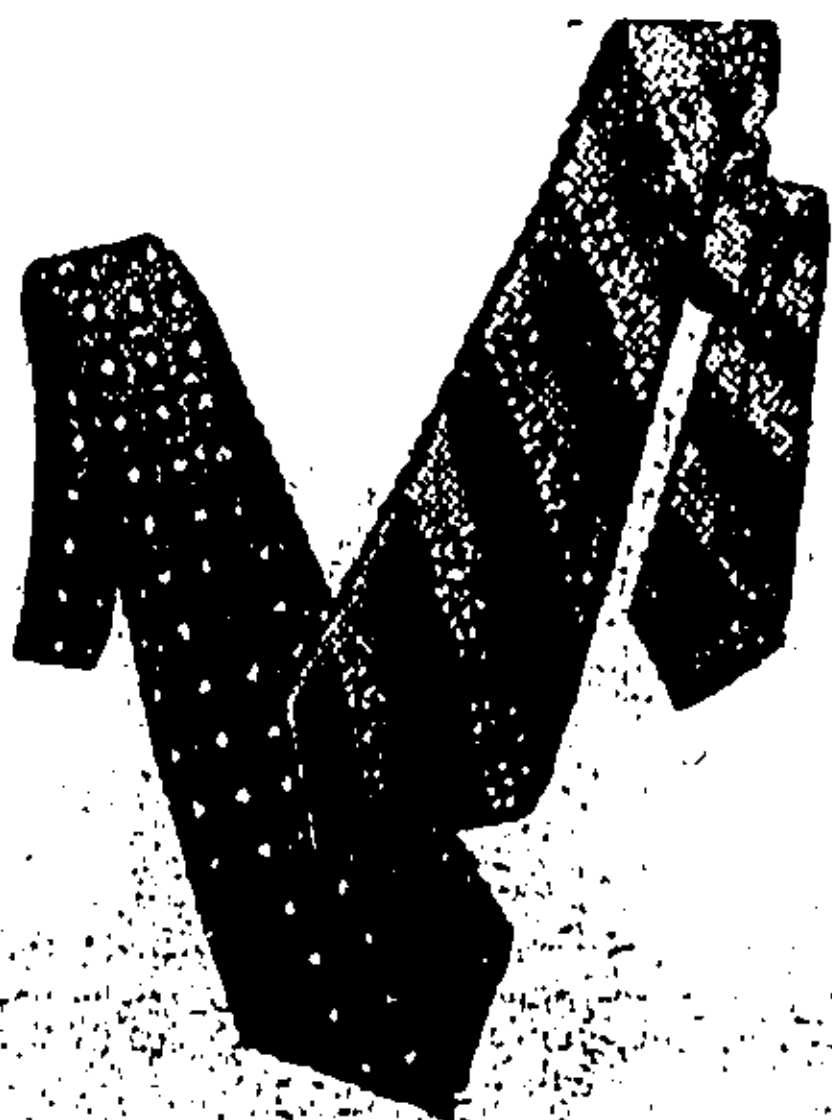
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CEASELESS VIGIL AGAINST INVASION MOVE INTENSIFIED

STRIKING SOVIET DECISION

No war materials in future will be allowed to pass in transit through the Soviet Union, under a decree signed by the Commissar of Foreign Trade yesterday.

MUNITIONS, AIRCRAFT PARTS, AND ACCESSORIES AND MACHINE-TOOLS, FOR MAKING MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES COME UNDER THE DECREE.

The transit of other goods is to be allowed but only with special authorisation or trade agreement.—Reuter.

Meaning Guesses

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Massive Air And Artillery Duel In Straits Of Dover

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITAIN'S DEFENCES HAVE REINTENSIFIED THEIR CEASELESS VIGIL AGAINST AN INVASION ATTEMPT AS BRITISH AND GERMAN NIGHT SKY RAIDERS BROUGHT A CLIMAX TO ONE OF THE BIGGEST AIR AND ARTILLERY DUELS OF THE WAR.

R.A.F. bombers struck the Nazi invasion coast with redoubled fury after the daylong battle between long-range guns across the Dover.

During daylight British bombers escorted by fighters also attacked enemy supply ships off the Belgian coast.

The new German gun attacks, heaviest since the autumn, are believed to be the opening salvoes of a campaign to weaken the British coastal defences in preparation for an invasion attempt.

Another hint of an invasion is seen in the Berlin announcement of the artillery duel, which, the Nazis add, was accompanied by a torpedo-boat sortie off the English coast.

DARKNESS BROUGHT SILENCE ON THE PART OF THE GERMAN BIG BERTHAS AND THE BRITISH COASTAL ARTILLERY BUT R.A.F. AND GERMAN RAIDERS IMMEDIATELY ASSUMED THE BRUNT OF THE STRUGGLE WITH WIDE-SPREAD RAIDS.

All Day Long

Beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at dusk, German guns on the French coast hammered Dover and south-east Kent areas, while British guns retaliated and R.A.F. bombers blasted a wide stretch of the French shore.

DURING THE ARTILLERY DUEL R.A.F. COASTAL PLANES STAGED A SERIES OF DOG-FIGHTS WITH THE LUFT-WAFFE OVER THE CHANNEL AND, IT IS BELIEVED, BEAT OFF MANY HUNDRED GERMAN PLANES.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

No Hatchet Burying

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Henry L. Stimson, U.S. Secretary of War, has accepted Col. Lindbergh's resignation without comment.

The action upset recent precedents since the War Department policy has been not to accept resignations since the emergency.

The President's secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, criticized Col. Lindbergh for making his resignation letter public before its acceptance by the President.

MR. EARLY PUBLICLY SPECULATED ON WHETHER LINDBERGH IS ALSO RETURNING THE NAZI DECORATION GOERING CONFERRED ON HIM IN BERLIN BEFORE THE WAR.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

realised what confronts shipping when President Roosevelt's plans mature.—Reuter.

JAPANESE TRIAL BALLOON

The Japanese suggestion that Mr. Matsuoka may go to the United States still arouses some interest in sections of the American press.

The Scripps-Howard newspapers say informed quarters in Washington consider it a trial balloon, while other quarters see in it an officially-inspired feeling reflecting Japanese anxiety as to what the United States will do if the Japanese expansion programme is increased.

One paper quotes unnamed officials in Washington as contending that as long as Japan the aggressor is linked with the Axis, Mr. Matsuoka will be a most unwelcome visitor in Washington.

THE SAME PAPER IN AN EDITORIAL, HOWEVER, SAYS IT CAN THINK OF FEW POSSIBLE MOVES ON THE INTERNATIONAL DRAUGHTBOARD WHOSE POTENTIALITIES FOR GOOD WOULD BE GREATER.

It adds that Mr. Matsuoka knows the United States and knows well the odds against Japan, weakened economically by four years of war, if she is pitted against an economic giant of the United States proportions.—Reuter.

U.S. WARSHIPS MAY ENTER COMBAT ZONES

UNITED STATES WARSHIPS MAY ENTER COMBAT ZONES IF NECESSARY IN THE INTERESTS OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE DEFENCE, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY.

He added that the area of combat activities delineated by Germany round the British Isles had nothing to do with United States warships.

They would go into it if necessary for the defence of the western hemisphere but that did not mean they were going in.

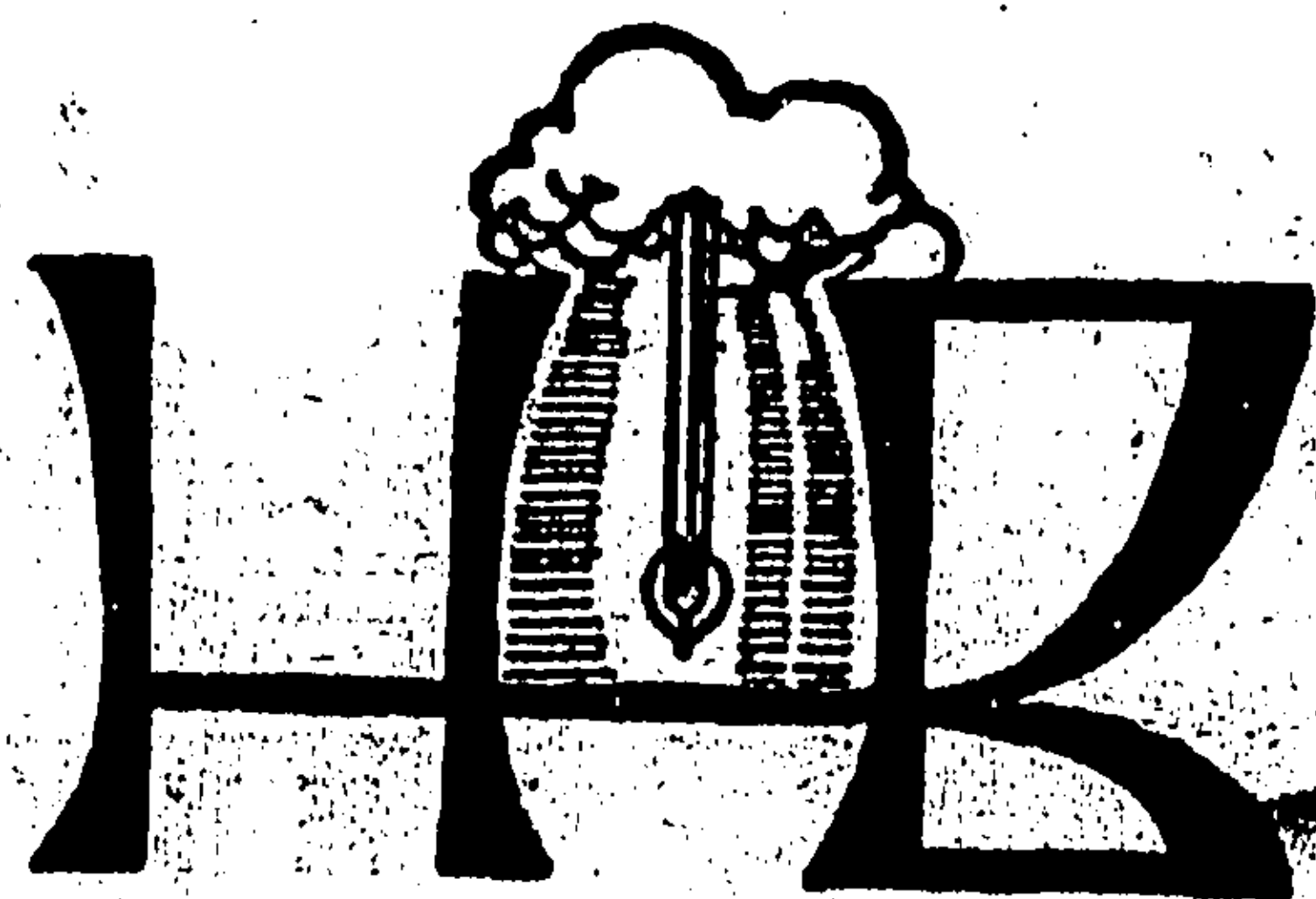
In Berlin yesterday, the "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," in an article dealing with American proposals to speed up supplies to Britain, threatens:

"PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PLANS WILL HAVE BUT ONE RESULT—QUICK AND CERTAIN SINKING OF AMERICAN SHIPS."

The newspaper adds: "Americans should cherish no illusions. Whether sailing alone or escorted by warships, all consignments traversing the Atlantic are good for sinking."

It is claimed that the weapons of German blockade lurk on all routes between Britain and America, and "It is time Americans

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

German Victory Must Be Prevented At Any Cost

AOSTA REMNANTS CUT OFF

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Free French motorised column, supported by British forces, which penetrated the south-west frontier of French Somaliland, has cut off the retreat of the remnants of the Duke of Aosta's 35,000 Italian troops from Dessie, says the London "Daily Express."

However, British official circles and London Headquarters of General de Gaulle said they had no knowledge of such an advance from Abyssinia. —International News Service.

Burma Railway To China

A declaration that he was encouraged regarding the prospects of Sino-American cooperation was made by Mr. Quo Tai-chi, China's new Foreign Minister, following his interviews with President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Quo, formerly Chinese Ambassador in London, is en route to Chungking to assume office as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

He declared that American support in the building of a new railway from Burma into China was a symbol of Anglo-American-Chinese cooperation.

He confidently predicted that both Britain and China would "come through the war successfully."—Reuter.

'Planes Needed

Mr. Quo Tai-chi, after seeing Mr. Cordell Hull, told the press that Chinese morale was never higher and China would undertake the offensive against Japan as soon as she got 'planes.

"The important thing now is 'planes and more 'planes," he declared.

Munitions factories had been established in China's interior and would operate at full capacity as soon as raw materials were available.

Regarding Russia, Mr. Quo said the Russo-Japanese Pact was less disturbing now than when first signed because Russia since had given assurances that the present arrangements with China would be maintained.

Principles

Mr. Quo said Mr. Hull impressed him greatly as one of the few world leaders to-day who stand by their principles.

After spending a considerable time with President Roosevelt, Mr. Quo again saw the press, and said China was grateful for the loans.

He described the President as a man of worldwide vision who saw the necessity of helping China as well as Britain.

Mr. Quo declared Britain was now very strong.—Reuter.

OVERWHELMING VERDICT OF U.S. BUSINESSMEN

"A GERMAN VICTORY should be prevented at almost any cost," is the opinion of 84.1 per cent. of leading American businessmen, according to a survey conducted by the American magazine "Fortune," results of which were published in New York yesterday.

Only 13.8 per cent. believed that "if Germany was victorious the world would be safe and at least economically tolerable for the United States to live in without huge armaments."

Only 8.5 per cent. believed Germany would succeed in establishing a new European order "with which it would be possible for us to resume business relations following approximately pre-war methods."

HALF OF THOSE WHO POLLED, FAVOURED DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEFENCE PROGRAMME "AT THE EXPENSE OF BUSINESS AS USUAL."

A percentage of 55.4 disapproved the stand taken by Col. Lindbergh and the isolationist Senator Burton Wheeler.—Reuter.

Absolute Necessity

"ENGLAND OFFERS HOPE OF PROGRESS, GERMANY OFFERS BLACK TERROR. A BRITISH VICTORY IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY."

These are extracts from a manifesto issued by yet another pro-Ally committee in the U.S., named the Union for Democratic Action, yesterday.

Headed by the Rev. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of the Christian Ethics Union Theological Seminary, the committee includes educationists, writers, liberals, democrats, socialists, radicals and C.I.O. and A.F.L. Union leaders.

Criminal Folly

The manifesto also says "It is criminal folly to assume there is nothing to choose between a British and German victory."

The committee's programme is "whatever political, economic and military means are needed to defeat the aggressors."—Reuter.

MORE SHANGHAI STRIKES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TWO MORE STRIKES WERE ADDED TO SHANGHAI'S LABOUR DISPUTES YESTERDAY WHEN WORKERS OF MILLER'S TRANSPORTATION CO. AND COOLIES OF THE MA HONG KEE GARBAGE CONTRACTORS QUIT WORK.

Meanwhile the French Municipality has hired 50 more Russians for the P.W.D. to assist the 150 taken on Monday.

Early settlement of the P.W.D. strike is unlikely; meanwhile S.M.C. mediators are still trying hard to settle the Commercial Press strike.—International News Service.

TO BE TRIED IN CAMERA

When the trial of two Parsee employees of the N.Y.K. in Bombay, under the Defence of India Rules, was taken up yesterday the prosecutor suggested the trial be held in camera.

Defence counsel agreeing, the magistrate adjourned the case to May 2.—Reuter.

REPRISAL THREAT

The 150 people arrested on the Lofoten Islands following the recent Anglo-Norwegian raid are now confined in a concentration camp near Oslo in appalling sanitary conditions.

This report was published by the Norwegian telegraph agency in London yesterday, quoting the Swedish newspaper "Trots Allt."

The report added it seems clear that the Germans, who will later try the prisoners by court martial, hope ruthless reprisals will prevent a recurrence of the raids.—Reuter.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CHURCHILL

MRS. ROOSEVELT, WRITING IN THE NEW YORK NEWSPAPER "WORLD-TELEGRAM" ON MR. CHURCHILL'S BROADCAST, SAYS: "ONE MUST ADMIRE A MAN WHO CAN TRUST THE PEOPLE OF HIS COUNTRY SO COMPLETELY. HE CAN TELL THEM STARK NAKED CRUEL TRUTHS UNAFRAID."

"That quality of courage is a kind of challenge which calls to the very depth of other human souls."

"Mr. Churchill can use the English language so that it rings and pounds with emotion behind the words in your brain."—Reuter.

MALTA ATTACKED

Malta's harbours were the main target of two enemy air attacks on Monday night, it is officially announced.

Bombs also fell over a wide area, causing considerable damage to civilian property and a few civilian casualties.

Yesterday morning enemy aircraft carried out two reconnaissance flights without incident.—Reuter.

RAID ON BERLIN?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The National Broadcasting Corporation's short wave listening post in New York reported that the German short wave station went off the air for four minutes, indicating an air raid in the immediate vicinity of Berlin.—International News Service.



His Majesty the King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace recently. Photo shows Captain Lord Louis Mountbatten, the King's cousin, and hero of H.M.S. Kelly, who was decorated with the D.S.O. With him is his wife in the uniform of a Commandant of the British Red Cross and St. John Association. (Copyright, Fox).

SUNER MAY OUST FRANCO

General Likely To Resign If Hitler Moves

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE POSSIBILITY that General Franco will be removed as Dictator of Spain and replaced by the Foreign Minister, Senor Suner, when and if Hitler launches an attack on Gibraltar across Spanish territory, was foreseen in informed London circles yesterday.

They expressed the belief that as soon as German panzer divisions cross the Pyrenees from France into Spain, if they do so, General Franco will resign and go to Lisbon and eventually to London, where he may form a "Free Spanish" movement backed by Spanish traditionalist and conservative generals.

Meanwhile, the German military success in the Balkans has placed the Axis in a position to launch an invasion of the Near East oilfields, one of the world's greatest economic jackpots as a major source of fuel.

Military obstacles such as the neutrality of Turkey and the uncertainty of Russia's reaction may delay an actual attack on the Near East, military experts in New York believe, but at the same time they admit Germany's position has been greatly improved by the Balkan campaign.

Oil production in the Near East fields in Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia has been held down to

roughly 300,000 barrels a day, but it is estimated that underground reserves of 20,000,000,000 barrels, almost equal to those of the United States, which is the greatest oil-producing country in the world, are in existence.—International News Service.

PREMIER AND FIRST SEA LORD SEE KING

King George received the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, at Buckingham Palace yesterday, and also granted an audience to the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Dudley Pound.—Reuter.

SHARP REBUFF FOR GERMANS

Heavy Casualties In Incursion Into Egypt Canadian Pilot's Brilliant Exploit At Benina

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Forces somewhere in the Western Desert: Delayed in Transmission)

THE FIRST GERMAN-ITALIAN ATTEMPT TO DASH ACROSS THE EGYPTIAN FRONTIER RESULTED IN A SHARP REBUFF FOR THE ENEMY, WHEN A MOBILE COLUMN ON SUNDAY SWEEPED DOWN THE ESCARPMENT WHICH RUNS CLOSE TO THE SEA AT SOL-LUM AND TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH ALONG THE COASTAL ROAD.

The enemy thus exposed their right flank to one of the most famous regiments in the British Army, and when they came up against frontal opposition they had to retreat hastily to their former positions. They retired under heavy fire and suffered very heavy casualties.

British armoured forces, meanwhile, are sweeping ceaselessly across the great desert plateau on top of the escarpment to counter any attempt to circle round our left flank.

At the moment the Germans are apparently pausing to think where next to direct their own and the Italians' efforts.

A feat which was described by a senior R.A.F. officer as "the most outstanding example of personal initiative and daring I have yet seen," was performed on Monday by a Canadian pilot.

Benina Attack

The pilot, who was flying on reconnaissance in a newly-arrived American plane, saw a large number of Junkers 52's (troop-carrying planes) lined up, wing to wing, on Benina aerodrome, near Benghazi.

He asked his crew whether they were willing to attack, despite the fact that the flight was purely a reconnaissance one. "Sure, let's have a crack at them," was the reply.

He thereupon dived down from 12,000 feet until he was only 50 feet above the ground, and flew straight across the line of German planes, out of which troops were just stepping.

Germans Shocked

His guns set fire to one plane and several others were enveloped in smoke.

The troops, apparently flabbergasted by the sudden attack, had no time to raise their Tommy-guns and crumpled up all along the line.

This is the largest collection of aircraft seen at a Libyan aerodrome and indicates the extent to which the Germans find it necessary to stiffen the Italians.

Great Satisfaction

Mr. Churchill's Sunday broadcast, which is taken to mean we do not intend to accept a defensive attitude in the Western Desert, has caused the greatest satisfaction among the troops, who are not in the least intimidated by the superior numbers against them and who are all as keen as possible to get to grips with the "Jerry's."—Reuter.

C. M. MACDONALD IN HOSPITAL

Mr. C. M. Macdonald, Far Eastern correspondent of "The Times," underwent a minor throat operation in the War Memorial Hospital yesterday. Mr. Macdonald expects to leave hospital in about a fortnight.

British Minister Captured

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mystery surrounds the whereabouts of Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Minister to Belgrade who, it is stated in London, has not been heard of since the fall of Belgrade.

The British Government has requested the United States Government to inquire into the matter.

Coinciding with the news of Sir Ronald's disappearance, the Italian newspaper "Messaggero" yesterday published a report stating that Sir Ronald Campbell, the British Minister to Yugoslavia, Colonel Clark, the British Military Attaché at Belgrade and a British newspaper correspondent have been captured and taken aboard an Italian destroyer in the Adriatic while attempting to make their way to Greece. — International News Service.

AXIS "GET TOGETHER"

The second of a series of Axis "get together" meetings was held in Rome yesterday, states the German news agency.

The so-called "Constituent Assembly" of the Three-Power Pact met with Ciano presiding and the German and Japanese Ambassadors present.

It is understood that another meeting on similar lines will shortly be held in Tokyo, with Mr. Matsuoaka in the chair. — Reuter.

ARMS BAN IN ADDIS ABABA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Government decree published at Addis-Ababa states persons other than the police or Abyssinian chiefs found carrying guns will be punished by death.

The Duke of Harar, the Crown Prince of Abyssinia, has arrived at Addis-Ababa and was given a great reception by the native population. — International News Service.

GERMAN FREIGHTER RUNS BLOCKADE

The German freighter "Natal," from Hamburg, has eluded the British blockade and arrived at Santos (Brazil) with 260 tons of cargo, says Reuter from Rio de Janeiro.

EGYPT UNSHAKEN BY EVENTS

"Mr. Churchill's bold warning of dangers to come and his frank admission of British reverses has not depressed Egyptians but has rather stimulated them by the fact that Britain is more determined than ever to defeat Germany."

So declared an Egyptian Government spokesman to Reuter in Cairo yesterday.

"There is no feeling among Egyptians that the British Empire will split in twain if the enemy should close the Mediterranean, since the exploits of Indian troops in Africa have brought home the knowledge that close at hand lies the Empire's eastern bulwark—India, which is able to produce men and material apart from the supplies continually arriving from England."—Reuter.

TURKISH DEFENCE TOUR

PRESIDENT INEUNU OF TURKEY HAS NOT RETURNED TO ANKARA FROM WESTERN TURKEY, AS STATED BY CERTAIN FOREIGN RADIO STATIONS. SAYS AN ANKARA DESPATCH TO THE VICHY NEWS AGENCY YESTERDAY. HE IS, INDEED, LIKELY TO SPEND ANOTHER WEEK ON HIS TOUR OF INSPECTION OF THE AEGEAN COAST BEFORE LEAVING FOR OTHER DISTRICTS OF TURKEY, THE AGENCY ADDS. — REUTER.

CLOSED DOWN IN FRENCHTOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

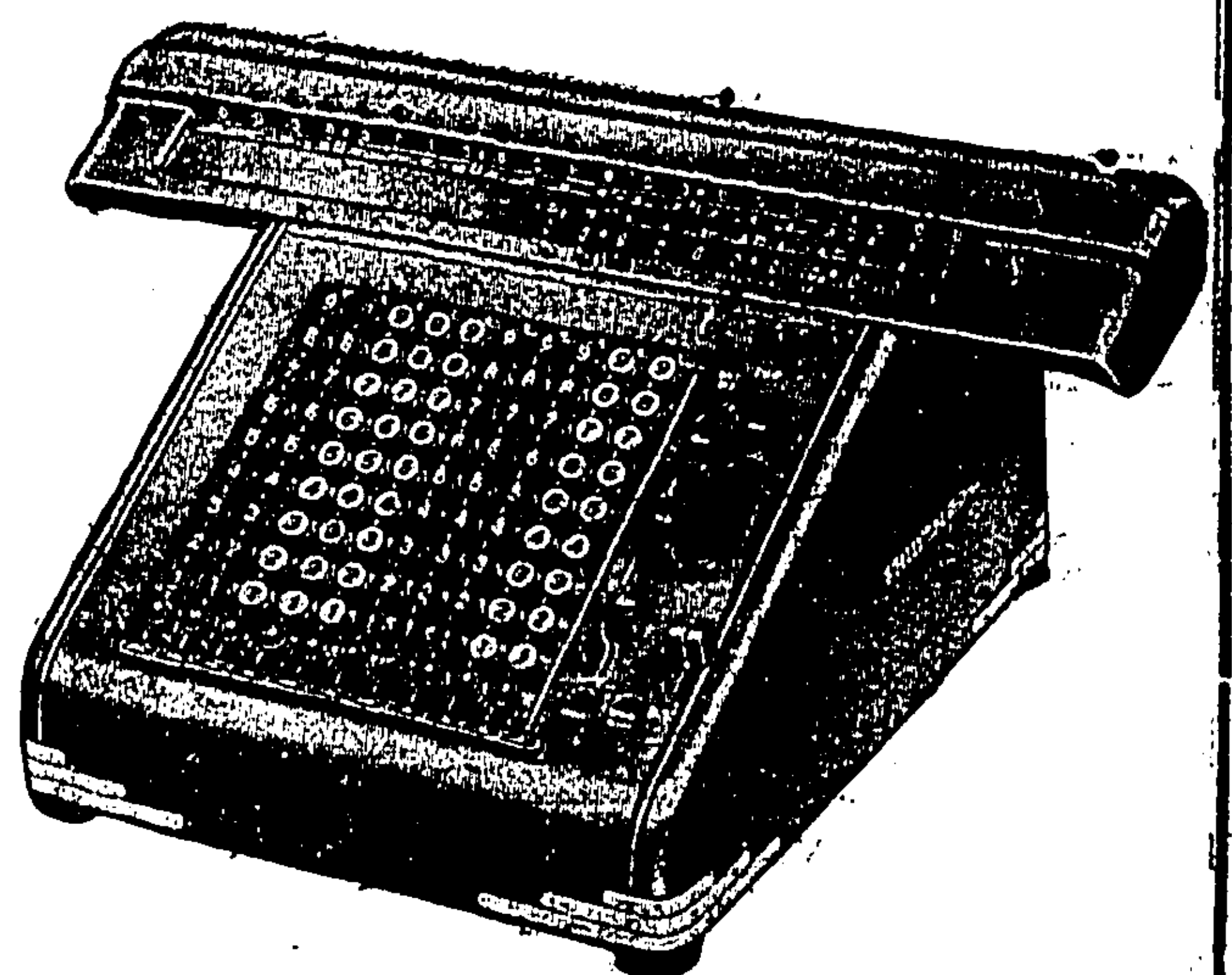
Though the four Chungking banks in Shanghai have opened in the Settlement their offices in Frenchtown remain closed. The city's Chinese community still shows no confidence in the Chinese dollar, with exchange rates unchanged. — International News Service.



Royal Engineers are helping to clear up the debris in the City of London. In this picture St. Paul's Cathedral forms a background to Royal Engineers using acetylene cutters as they work on girders among the debris. (Copyright, Fox).

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FOUR RAIDS IN 8 NIGHTS ON PLYMOUTH: NEW MEASURE TAKEN

A LARGE PART OF PLYMOUTH is to be declared an evacuation area following four raids in eight nights, and 10,000 school-children are to be moved immediately to rural areas in Devon and Cornwall.

Mothers with children, expectant mothers and old age pensioners who wish to make their own arrangements will be assisted to evacuate.

Fighter 'Planes In Action

During yesterday's operations by aircraft of the Fighter Command four medium-sized ships encountered north of Dunkirk were bombed and machine-gunned, despite thick cloud and rain, announces the Air Ministry news service.

As the bombers turned for home a number of Messerschmitts tried to intercept them but were beaten off by the fighter escort.

Spitfires on patrol over the Straits of Dover encountered a number of German fighters and a dogfight ended with the Germans quickly disappearing into cloud.

A British pilot said, when his aircraft landed, "Although we did not see any of the Huns crash some were damaged and we were left 'cock of the walk'."

One of two Nazi bombers shot down by A.A. fire during the raid on Plymouth crashed into the sea only 220 yards from shore. When it hit the water it threw up a terrific column of spray.

SEARCH WAS MADE AT DAYBREAK FOR WRECKAGE BUT THE QUICKSANDS WHERE IT CRASHED HAD SWALLOWED IT UP. -- REUTER

R.A.F. ACTIVITY IN AFRICA

The R.A.F. again attacked Junkers troop-carrying 'planes embarking enemy troops at Benina aerodromes, near Benghazi, on Monday.

One 'plane was destroyed and a number of others severely damaged, while considerable casualties were inflicted among the troops, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo yesterday.

R.A.F. fighters shot down a Messerschmitt fighter over Malta on Monday.

In Abyssinia, both the R.A.F. and the South African Air Force continue to give support to the successful ground operations.

South African fighters machine-gunned and damaged enemy aircraft on Gimmia aerodrome and motor transport concentrations between Batle and Tandeh.

R.A.F. bombers bombed and machine-gunned enemy positions and trenches in the Chiga area. One fighter is missing from all these operations. -- Reuter.

A decision to this effect was reached yesterday at a conference between the city's Emergency Committee and a representative of the Ministry of Health.

Latest reports indicate that Monday night's raid caused widespread damage, particularly in areas already heavily hit, and many were killed.

NEVERTHELESS, CASUALTIES WERE NOT SO HEAVY AS IN ANY OF LAST WEEK'S RAIDS

Four Shot Down

It is now confirmed that four German aircraft were destroyed during the raid on Plymouth on Monday night three by A.A. guns, says an Air Ministry communique.

Although there was a certain amount of activity by enemy aircraft during yesterday near the south-east coast there are no reports of bombs being dropped. -- Reuter.

Official Statement

Announcing the declaration of an evacuation area in Plymouth the Ministry of Health states: "The question was considered last summer and the Ministry did not feel the step ought then to be taken in view of the heavy pressure on reception areas."

But the Minister himself visited Plymouth on March 24, shortly after the first of the recent air attacks on the city. The question was then discussed on the spot and it was agreed it was not necessary or desirable to take action.

The authorities responsible locally have now requested that Plymouth should be made an evacuation area and arrangements are being made to remove school children to the number of about 10,000 from areas affected as quickly as possible.

HEAVY ATTACK ON BREST

Attacks by both Bomber and Coastal Command aircraft on Brest, where German battleships are lying, were made without the loss of any aircraft, says an official communique in London quoted by Reuter.

GIANT NEW 'PLANE

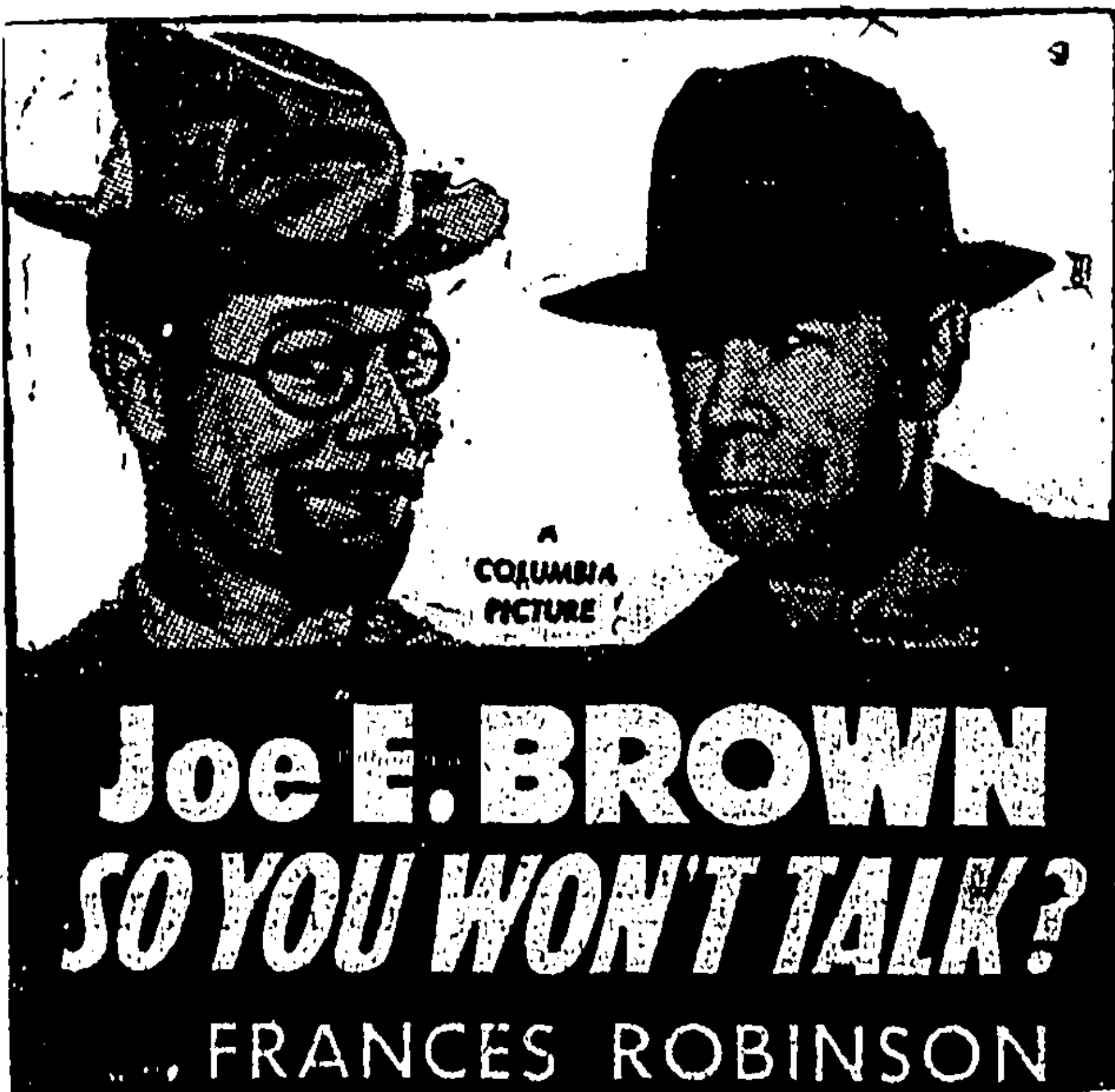
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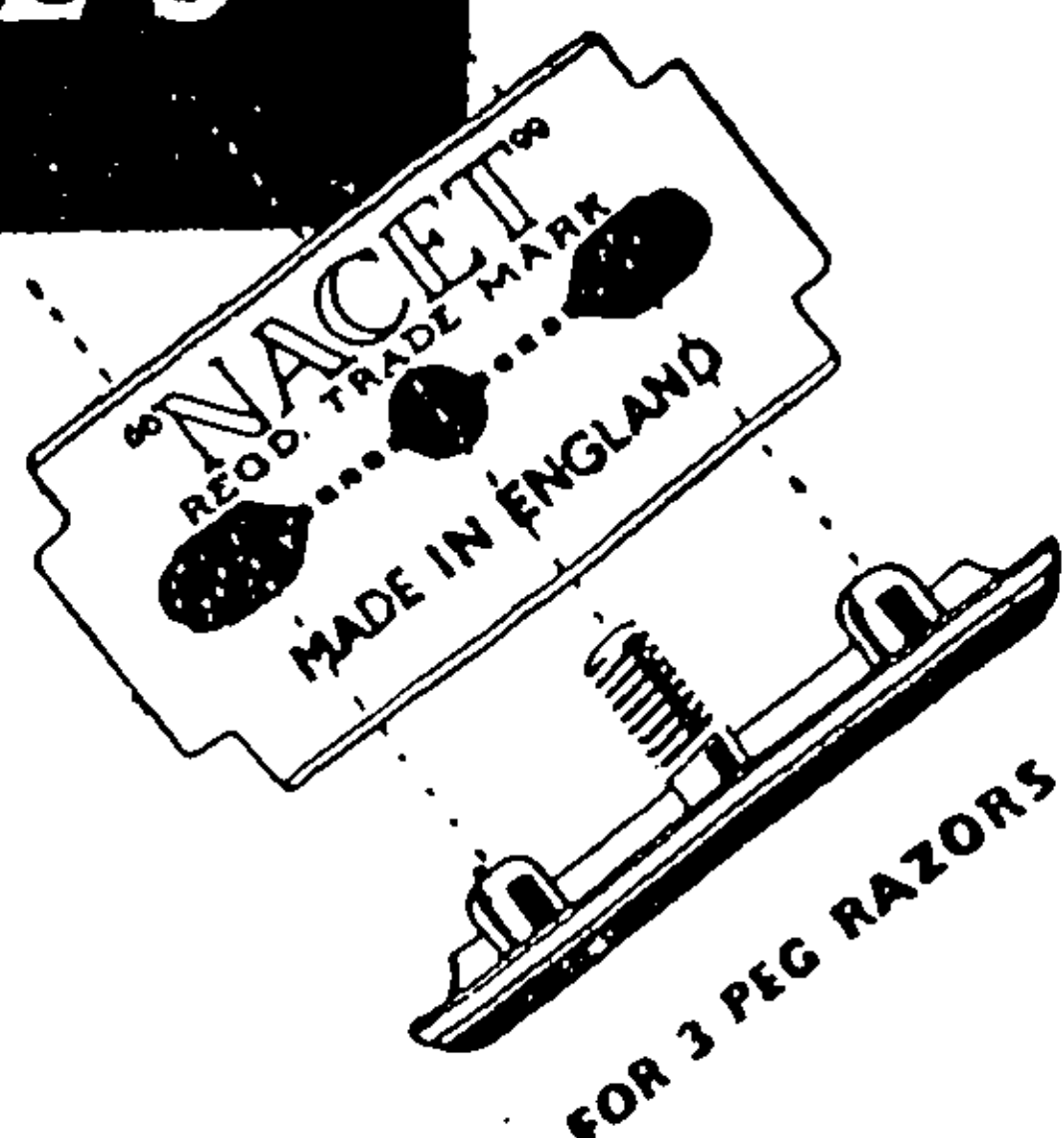
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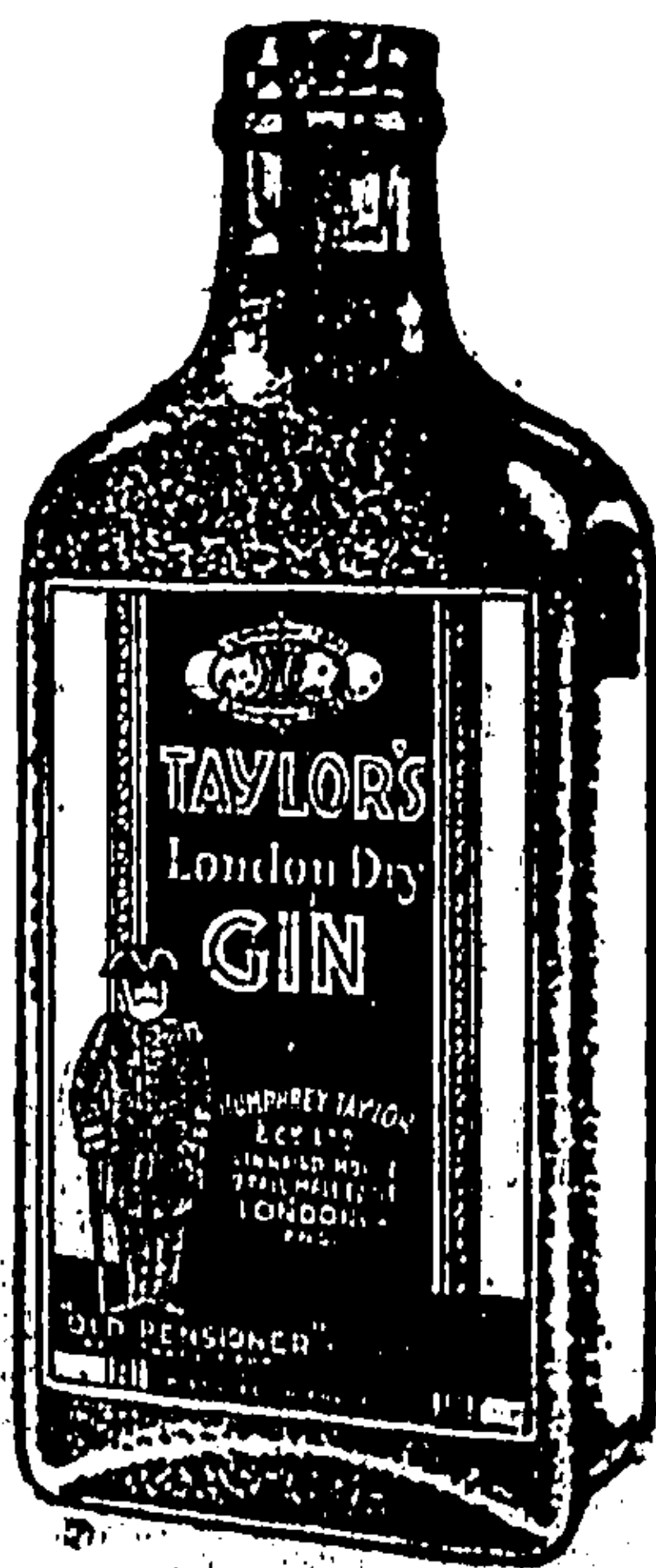
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NEW PUISNE JUDGE GIVES HINT TO SOLICITORS

WRITTEN JUDGMENT was given this morning by His Honour, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall in the Summary court in the case in which Kwan Hoi-chow, of 58, Bonham Strand West, claimed the return of \$1,000 as money lent on various dates to Cheung Tat-choi, dentist, of No. 26, Des Voeux Road Central.

Mr. H. L. Kwan, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for Plaintiff, and Mr. A. el Arculli, for Defendant.

In his judgment Mr. Cressall said:

In this case the plaintiff claims the sum of \$1,000, which he alleges was lent by him to defendant.

The statement of claim is worded as follows:

The plaintiff's claim against the defendant is for the sum of \$1,000 for money lent to the defendant by the plaintiff.

Particulars:
27th February, 1940 to money lent \$ 200.00
8th March, 1940 to money lent \$ 600.00
29th March, 1940 to money lent \$ 200.00
\$1,000.00

It appears that on the all-over day, the defendant, through his solicitor, verbally denied liability in general terms, and the case was accordingly listed for hearing without a statement of defence being filed.

Time And Energy

Now, while it is indisputable that in summary trials it is frequently unnecessary to insist on a written defence, the fact remains that when a defence is formally filed considerable judicial time and energy is saved, for the Court is placed in the position of being able to appreciate, and judicially analyse the defence relied on, before the general evidence is actually tendered; a plea of non-indebtedness in most cases conveys nothing to the Judge who is called upon to hear and determine claims, for the reason that there may arise several factors during the trial, which, one by one, or collectively, frequently introduce new legal elements and problems which cannot be foreseen by merely looking at the statement of claim.

Thus it was that I enquired from the solicitor for the defendant why he had not filed a statement of defence notwithstanding the fact that no order had been made. I make these preliminary remarks for as this is the first contested case I have had to deal with since assuming my duties, I feel that in fairness to the profession I should let them know that I hold very strong views on the necessity of solicitors filing short and concise statements of defence in any contested actions they are called upon to defend. Conversely, it is my considered view that solicitors who are instructed to issue writs should give as much relevant information as is possible in the statement of claim.

Benefit To Litigants

If these two things are done I feel confident that, in the long run, litigants will benefit since the length of the actual hearing of the case will be considerably reduced for the reason that the Court will be in a position to have a clear idea of the issues involved before the evidence is heard, instead of having to grope in semi-darkness in an effort to find out during the course of the trial "what it is all about."

With regard to the claim itself I have come to the conclusion after hearing the evidence tendered by the plaintiff and by the defendant that this is a typical case of both parties keeping back from the court the real truth of the matter. That the plaintiff actually parted with the sum of \$1,000, I have not the slightest doubt, but the question is whether that sum was lent to the defendant or to a third party by the name of Chung Chee-wing. I find it difficult to believe that a business man of the plaintiff's knowledge and experience would part with such a considerable sum of money to another person without obtaining some acknowledgment in writing of the debt, or at least seeing to it that a reliable witness was present when the money was handed over.

The plaintiff, however, on his own showing appears to be one of these philanthropists one reads about in books but seldom meets, who lends money to dentist friends through his wife, simply because he and his family happen to be his professional clients.

The defendant does not deny that the plaintiff parted with this considerable sum but asserts that the wife gave it all to Cheung Chee-wing in connection with a business he (Cheung Chee-wing) was conducting on behalf of the plaintiff.

I am not necessary to comment further on the evidence as it is abundantly clear to me that the real truth of the transaction has been deliberately hidden by both sides. All I will say is that if a man uses his wife as the medium of conveying loans to another man he should not complain if (as the defendant has asserted on oath) other people write letters insinuating that the alleged borrower has been guilty of unfaithful conduct with the lady.

Hiding Facts

In order to prove his claim the plaintiff must satisfy me that the money in question was actually lent to the defendant. This he has failed to do, for on the evidence as it stands, I cannot find as a fact that the defendant received the money from the wife. I was not impressed by her demeanour in the witness box and formed the definite conclusion that she was hiding material facts from the Court.

On the other hand I was equally unimpressed by the defendant's explanation as to why he, a dentist, should take such a keen interest in the affairs of an electrical business of another person, of which he had no knowledge.

In all the circumstances therefore I propose to enter a nonsuit and to make no order as to costs since, as I have already said, neither side has told me "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

POOLING SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES

Replying to a Commons question the Foreign Under-Secretary stated that after consultation with the appropriate authorities in the U.S., the British Government had drawn up a comprehensive scheme which already had been put into operation for cooperation in scientific matters with the U.S.A.

Dr. Darwin, Director of the National Physical Laboratory had been sent as director of a central scientific office working under the direction of the British Supply Council in North America.

Dr. Darwin will collaborate with U.S. research bodies and act as a channel for exchange with the appropriate authorities of technical scientific information.

He will also generally co-ordinate scientific technical inquiries to and from the U.S. authorities except in those matters which are already dealt with through the Service attaches.

In addition, Dr. Conant, President of Harvard University, had recently visited England as President Roosevelt's representative in order to establish a corresponding mission in Britain. — British Wireless.

£1-A-MINUTE TWIN FILM STARS AGED TEN WEEKS

Youngest wage-earners in the United States are the Hollywood twins, Judith and Dianne Fleetwood, aged ten weeks.

They earn £1 a minute for playing the part of an infant daughter with Cary Grant and Irene Dunne in the filming of "Penny Serenade."

The twins are identical, so when one gets tired the other takes her place before the camera.

HOME GUARD'S COURAGE

An outstanding example of sustained courage under air bombardment is that of Home Guard Volunteer W. I. Whitlock, who has been awarded the George Medal, it was announced last night.

On the night of October 19, 1940, a building received two direct hits from high explosive bombs. Whitlock was on Home Guard duty and as a result of the explosions sustained severe injuries to his arm, leg and side.

His eyes were also injured by the blast, and he was thrown more than 20 yards over a wall.

Nevertheless he managed to pick himself up and, ignoring his injuries, made his way back to the offices which had been wrecked and under the debris of which was his section leader.

At great personal risk and almost at the stage of complete collapse Whitlock managed to extract his section leader, thus saving his life.

After performing this brave action Whitlock had to be taken to hospital. — British Wireless.

TOMISLAV AFFAIR NEGOTIATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Italian marines and Customs river police are still on board the Yugoslav steamer "Tomislav" in Shanghai as negotiations for the ship's release remain unsettled.

It is understood the Italians have replied to the Japanese protest over the seizure, and the incident is expected to be settled this week. — International News Service.

ULSTER'S WAR CONTRIBUTION

Ulster's contribution to the Imperial Exchequer next year will be £11,000,000.

The Minister of Finance, announcing this in the Budget statement, said last year the contribution was \$6,000,000 but since then estimates of reserved revenue raised for war purposes had increased by £6,500,000 which should be reflected in the increased Imperial contribution. — British Wireless.

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LINDBERGH TACTICS

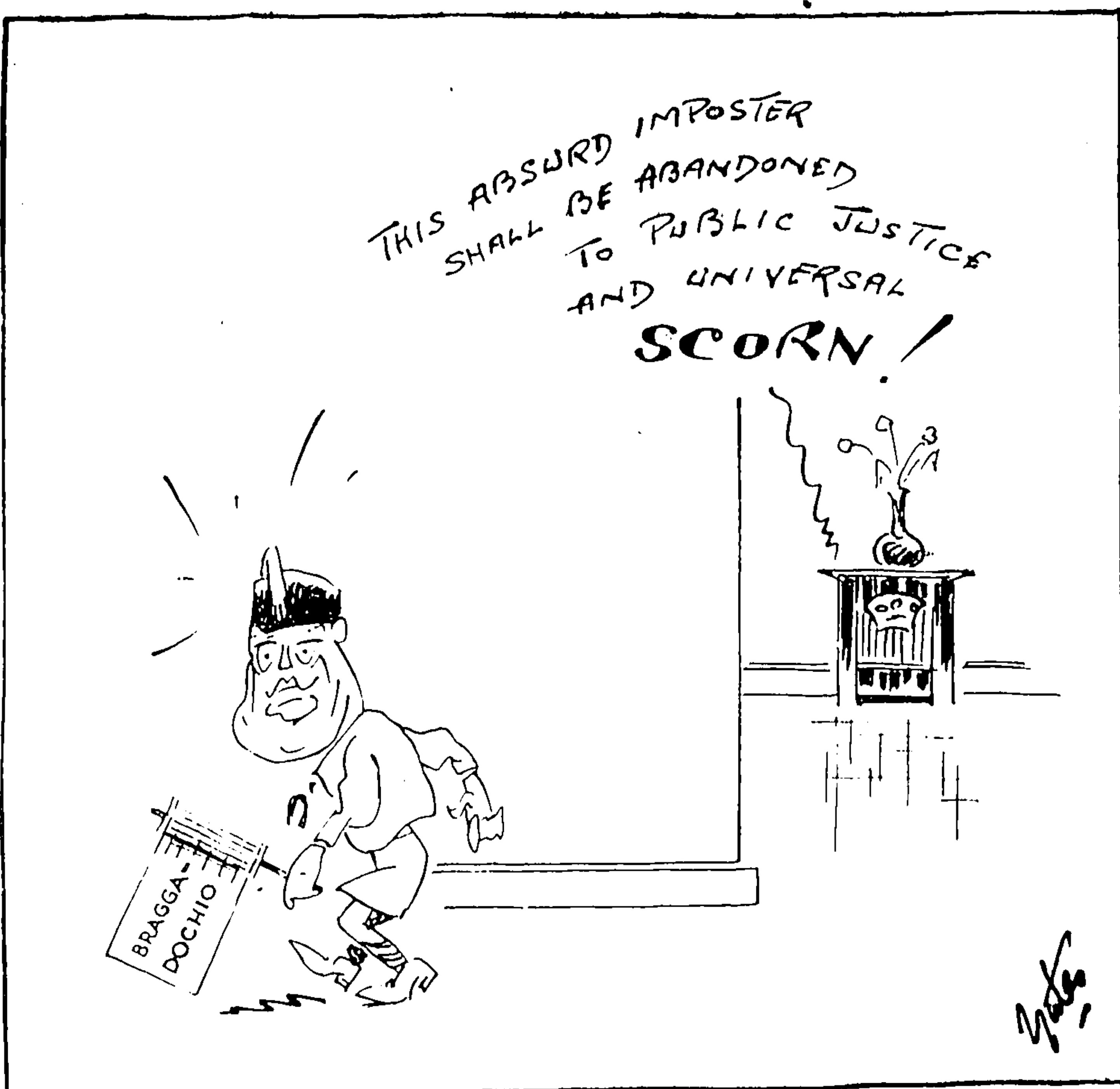
Colonel Lindbergh's letter to President Roosevelt resigning his commission was couched in terms likely to have most emotional appeal to American public opinion. "Copperhead" seems to have touched him on the raw, but the tactical astuteness revealed in the manner of his riposte makes it very clear that Colonel Lindbergh is very conscious of the point behind the President's strictures and that his attitude is unshaken. Colonel Lindbergh has done as much as any individual along the line that delights Axis propagandists and to contribute to the ominous pattern in the reiterated failure of large sections of the American people to catch up with the swift move of events. In August, 1939, they listened gladly to those who said "Germany will never dare start a new war." During the winter months of inaction they wrote the contest off as a "phony" war, and thus saved themselves the embarrassment of facing up to facts. When the first rumour came that Holland and Belgium might be invaded they comforted themselves with the word "Germany would never do that." As Denmark and Norway fell, and the war was brought to their very shores by the issue of Greenland, they chorused louder than ever "This is not our war." When Holland and Belgium were crushed and France fell they hearkened gladly to those who said that it made no difference which side won. And now, as Germany has battered down the last resistors on the European Continent and is within reach of Suez and Morocco, these same people say that Africa is a long way off, and that what has happened in the Balkans does not concern America.

All this while, with the ruthlessness of the inexorable, war has been marching closer to the Western World day by day. We are not referring to those who are implicit in the policy of aid to Britain nor are we speaking of such acts of President Roosevelt and Mr. Hull as their offer of help to Yugoslavia and Greece and their denunciation of Germany's invasion as "barbaric." Rather are we referring to the world-conquering changes which are implicit in Germany's virtual annexation of all of Europe west of Russia, and in the undeniable evidences that Hitler's aim is nothing short of world domination.

The basic facts have not changed. For months—in fact for years—it has been clear to students of German policy that this was the German ambition. It was equally clear that this could be achieved only by the defeat and break-up of the British Empire. This in turn presented to America a choice between a world in which the dominant power outside the United States would, in one case, be an aggressive, highly militaristic German Empire, basing its world policies on the use of force, and, in the other case, a liberal-minded British Empire, more concerned with preserving the political status quo than with enlarging its powers, and stubbornly believing in allowing other nations to run their own affairs in their own way.

Happily, most officers in the Administration in Washington have been sufficiently aware of the dangers to American interests involved in a smashing German victory to take important steps to prepare against it. But even most of these seem to be as reluctant as the American people as a whole to face the question whether the defeat of Germany can be achieved by measures "short of war." The question is not whether the American people want to go to war. No rational person, British or American would want to do this if it could be honourably avoided. Rather is it if they can afford to stay out of the war so long as there is a prospect that Germany may achieve a complete victory and so long as the customs of war make it easy for Germany to claim territory of its victims in regions whence attacks may be launched against the Western Hemisphere. As yet many Americans are reluctant to admit that this is even a possibility—let alone that it is a danger. Fostered

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"History Grips Us By The Throat" — Mussolini.

Happiness In Hard Times

—By
Ivor Brown

A visit to a University in these days is scarcely a happy matter. True, the Colleges are not yet bare, ruin'd choirs; nor are they desolate. Sometimes the bureaucracy has filled up the empty rooms of youth, but there are still many undergraduates, not yet called up, mungling the gown of the scholar with the uniform of the cadet. But what a travesty of that great, gay, confident, expanding life for so the undergraduate's should be—is this hurried and truncated and over-shadowed course!

Yet how rarely does one find self-pity in those whose entry to college or craft has been thus shortened or spoiled or prevented! The Briton does not often wear his heart on his sleeve or permit the crack of it to be heard in public; doubtless there is much privy and natural anger against the cruel and frenzied world of raids and ruins into which the far too clever scientist and the far less than clever statesmen have contrived to land us all. But not much is said. Youth now has one consolation not shared by its fore-runner of 1914-18: it can feel that it is sharing the danger and the damage and not carrying the whole of it while age and commerce flourish in comparative security. This must surely make an enormous difference; another war for the benefit of safe and pious profiteers would have been insufferable. On the other hand, youth can reasonably protest that its elders had a plainer warning than was given a quarter of a century ago and that they dismally failed to take it.

It would not be in nature for the young person of 1941 to be as happy as was he of ten years ago. Yet he gallantly assumes a morrow and talks of a decent shape for things to come. He has not ceased to think of politics because he has to be a soldier. Indeed, one can walk about the quadrangles of Oxford without feeling any strong sense of bitterness and despair. A kind of buoyancy seems to continue and happiness buds on stony ground. Happiness, after all, is not the de-

by Lindbergh defeatism, they are in peril of following the same wishful thinking that misled many Americans step by step in the earlier phases of the war. The time for acting with realism and for putting an end to half-measures is very near. Soon it may be too late.

licate shoot that some suppose, but often as tough as any weed that spreads intractably in the seemingly impossible nook and queerest cleft of disadvantage.

The relations of material good to mental confidence are always odd. Pessimism and poverty rarely go together. There are, of course, forever vocal the angers and despairs of Grub Street: the greyness of a Gissing or the self-slaughter of an artist too sensitive to lack of recognition will occur from time to time. But the major pessimists, the railers and lamenters on the magnificent scale, the mighty organ-voices of the grand gloom, have rarely dipped their pens in gall for lack of food and drink. Swift had his sorrows, but he was not hungry, nor was he conscripted for wars which he neither made nor wanted. Shakespeare's mood, to judge by his work, grew steadily darker as he grew more popular and prosperous. He was a far richer, more recognised, and better furnished man when he wrote "Timon" and "Lear" than when he wrote "A Midsummer Night's Dream." And surely nothing in all our literature rivals "Timon" (or at least its patently Shakespearean portions) for its fury of world-hatred.

Few have cultivated self-pity with more sedulous application to gloom (as well as with more lyrical genius) than A. E. Housman, and few have shaken a sadder head over the vain strivings of mortality to make something of its brief sojourn upon earth. Yet Housman had, for far the greater part of his working life, the comfort and security of Professorial Chairs: he had little routine work to weary him and amole time, both in term and in vacation, to prosecute his passion for scholarship. Neither oppressed with riches nor galled with penury, he had no calamities of marriage or the money market. Can one imagine a happier life than that of the natural scholar living amid the graces and amenities of an assured academic position, a man honoured by his colleagues and with no obligation to do any work but that most dear to him? Yet it was Housman who wrote this

epitaph which gives such a sardonic twist to the familiar sentiments about "the flowers of the forest."

Here dead lie we because we did not choose
To live and shame the land from which we sprung.
Life, to be sure, is nothing much to lose;
But young men think it is, and we were young.

Yet why should he of all men have so disprized existence?

Of course, in lives that seem most clearly made for contentment there are the inner stresses and frustrations which deny felicity. It is obvious that happiness, like the Kingdom of Heaven, is within us. Yet that is a most dangerous doctrine to pronounce. For does it not encourage all the bullies and exploiters and tormentors of mankind to give their victims but the scantiest meed of material comfort, on the ground that they can find their bliss in their hearts without benefit of jam or their bread? Once tell the world that joy is an accident or at least an inward function of the soul and what becomes of fair wages for fair work and all the reasonable consolations of the senses and the appetites? What of liberty, indeed the aspiring mind outleap, the confining fetters and the wall of stone?

The truth is that the statesman cannot create happiness, but that he can create or withhold the likely means of achieving it. Our Utilitarians jumped a stage in the argument when they talked of achieving the greatest happiness of the greatest number. By doing this they likened happiness to a lump of cake which can be equitably cut up and passed round. But happiness, being a by-product of one's activities, is certainly not a crudely distributable sweet-meat. The Americans who based their Declaration of Independence on life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness were talking more accurately than did our downy Utilitarians. The pursuit of happiness, the fair chance to join the hunt, that is what a just society assures to its members. It never guarantees the capture. The Bu-Bird, as Maeterlinck called it, is on the wing and nobody can be sure of putting salt on its tail. But we can see that all have a fair portion of the salt-supply and the opportunity to go a-birding.

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BRITISH BATTLE SQUADRON AT GIBRALTAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A powerful British naval force, composed of mighty battle-cruisers, battleships, at least one aircraft-carrier, seven destroyers and five torpedo-boats, has arrived at Gibraltar, according to a despatch from Algeiras to Vichy.

Planes from the carrier, it is reported, immediately took off ostensibly in conjunction with the practice black-out exercises which have plunged the entire Gibraltar area in darkness.

—International News Service.

CHINA'S NATIONAL HERO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A solemn line of banner-carrying students, neat office workers and labourers in rags flowed past the coffin of Col. Hsieh Ching-yuan, bringing to a quarter of a million the number of Chinese who have now honoured the remains of the murdered leader of the famed "Lone Battalion."

Mothers brought babes in arms. Girls brought flowers.

While sobs rose in the internment camp where the ceremony was held, the 400 survivors of the battalion, which in October, 1937, made front page news the world over, acted as chief mourners.

General Chiang Kai-shek has sent \$60,000 for the family of the hero, under whom the Lone Battalion held the Japanese forces at bay in Chapei for five days and finally escaped from their godown fort into the Settlement.

The battalion was interned by the Settlement authorities despite Chinese protests.

"Went Crazy"

Last week four subordinate soldiers slashed Col. Hsieh to death. Later they explained they "went crazy under the strain" of three and a half years of internment.

Senders of scrolls to the coffin ranged from General Chiang Kai-shek, President Lin Sen and Dr. H. H. Kung to orphans and war refugees. — International News Service.

THEY THRIVE DOWN UNDER

A delicate child from a poor London district has grown five inches since being evacuated to Australia fourteen months ago, says Reuter.

CORFU OCCUPIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Italian High Command claims that Black Shirt troops and units of the Italian air force have occupied Corfu. — International News Service.

Axis Force Spread In Long Straggling Line

THE ENEMY TROOPS ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONTIER, DECLARED THE BRITISH MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT, HAVE REACHED A POINT ABOUT FIVE MILES EAST OF SOLLUM AND HAVE HALTED THERE.

It was difficult to determine whether the halt was due to the harassing action of British patrols, R.A.F. bombing, supply problems or sand storms, he added. The halt was probably due to a combination of all our factors.

The enemy troops are now spread out in a long straggling line from Tripoli to Sollum, with minor groups round Bardia and Tobruk.

The head of their advance consists of three columns—one on the coastal road, and two on the higher escarpment. All three have halted near Sollum. The German troops particularly, the spokesman continued, are now experiencing the difficulties of desert warfare, namely water shortage, transport problems and that hot dusty wind which, according to an Arab proverb, justifies wife murder if it continues for five days.

Calm Optimism

The situation in Libya generally, the spokesman said, is viewed in Cairo with calm optimism. In Abyssinia the Italians have bolted in all directions following Dessie's capture.

Their difficulties have been further increased by opposition by Patriot forces now arising in all kinds of unexpected places.

An Italian retreat towards French Somaliland would involve crossing a depression below sea level in burning heat by one route and almost equal difficulties by any other available route. — Reuter.

U.S. COAL STRIKE ENDED

THE STRIKE IN THE U.S. BITUMINOUS COAL FIELDS ENDED YESTERDAY WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNITED MINeworkers UNION THAT PRODUCTION OF SOFT COAL WOULD BE RESUMED TO-MORROW MORNING.

The Union's move followed a notification to President Roosevelt by Southern coal operators that they would accept his proposal to reopen the mines while wage negotiations are continued. — Reuter.

U.S. SEAMEN ON STRIKE

ONLY REMAINING AMERICAN STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO EUROPE, THAT FROM NEW YORK TO LISBON, HAS BEEN HELD UP BY A STRIKE OF SEAMEN.

The crew of the steamers "Excelsior" and "Exminster" struck yesterday in sympathy with the crew of the "Siboney" who struck on Saturday.

Cause of the conflict is the men's desire for recognition of their Trade Union. — Reuter.

AUSTRALIA WAR DRIVE CAMPAIGN

"This is an opportunity to give the lie to German propagandists who are saying there is disunity between Britain and Australia," said the acting Australian Premier, Mr. Fadden, launching a £35,000,000 loan and recruiting campaign at a monster win-the-war rally at Sydney Town Hall yesterday.

He added: "When the full story of Greece can be told none will be ashamed; there is a credit as well as a debit side." Mr. Fadden announced that £10,500,000 had already been subscribed to the loan and military enlistment had already increased all over Australia.

MR. HERBERT EVATT, LABOUR MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY WAR COUNCIL, SAID AUSTRALIANS WERE INTENT ON A UNITED WAR EFFORT AND PARTY POLITICS HAD RECEDED INTO THE BACKGROUND.

They were determined to demonstrate to friends and enemies alike their essential unity.

The deputy Federal Labour leader, Mr. Forde, proclaimed Labour's attitude as completely indissoluble with the AIFES.

A recorded speech by the Lord Mayor of London, Sir George Wilkinson, inaugurated the rally. — Reuter.

AND THE ARMY STILL GOES ON!

Amongst interesting facts and figures revealed by the auditors' report on Army accounts is the fact that some £2,000,000 worth of expenditure incurred while the B.E.F. was in France and Belgium, is unaccounted for because the relative books were lost or destroyed during the retreat prior to the evacuation at Dunkirk.

Another item is that of over £400,000 representing cash lost or unaccounted for during the evacuations of France and Norway. — British Wireless.

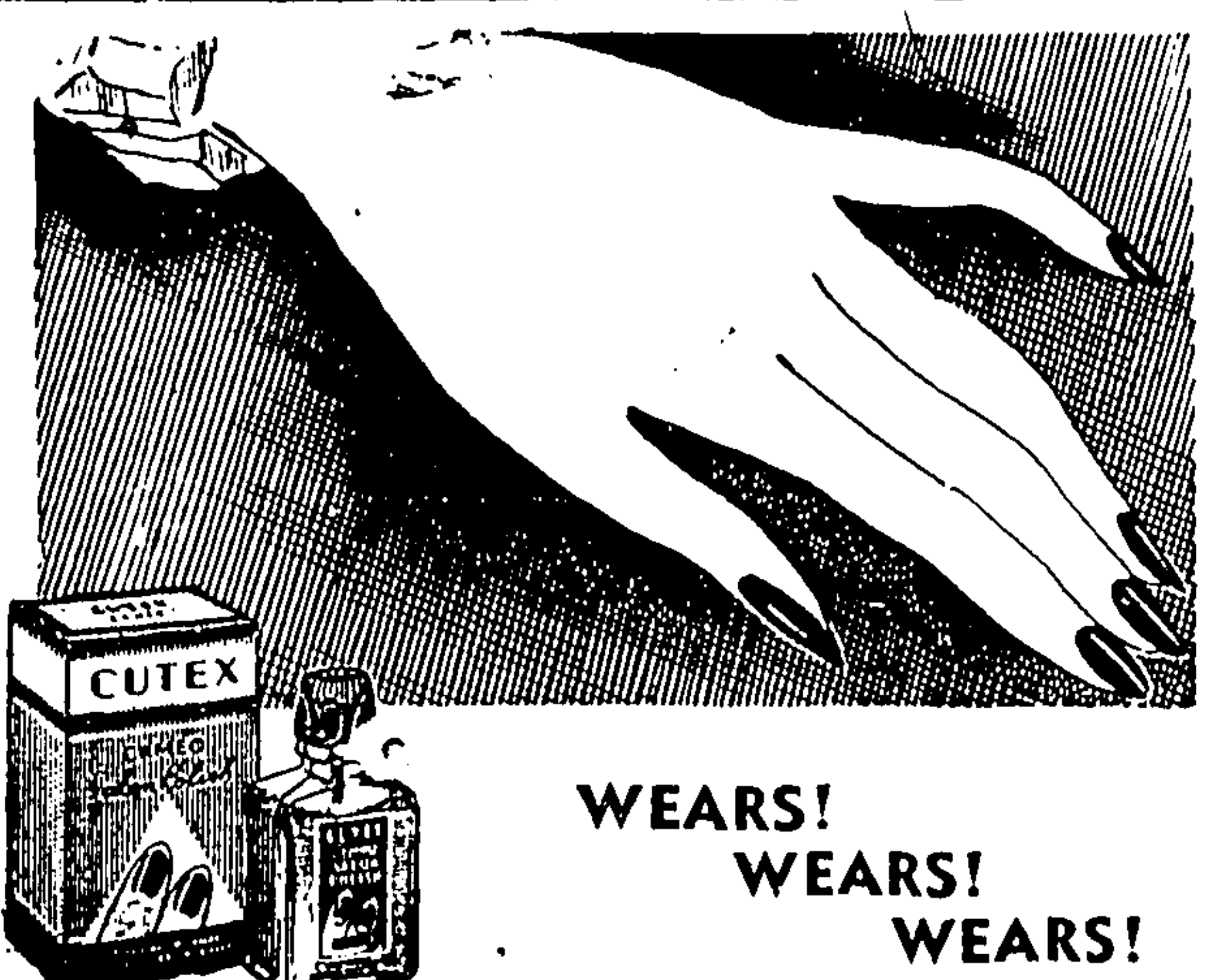
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Protective Surveillance To British Waters!

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT Roosevelt has ruled out the possibility of convoys his announcement that U.S. warships will enter combat zones if necessary has dramatically opened the way to the possibility that the system of "protective surveillance" which he announced last week, to aid the safe arrival in Britain of U.S. war supplies, might extend virtually to British waters.

The President, speaking to a capacity audience of news correspondents at his bi-weekly press conference, flatly stated that his order barring American merchant shipping from combat zones has absolutely nothing to do with the movement of U.S. warships.

Earlier, Admiral Stark in a speech to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, revealed that the U.S. neutrality patrol extends 2,000 miles into the Atlantic.

Admiral Stark declared that if the U.S. can build up a navy "good enough and fast enough, we might be able to spare something within our own security."

This is viewed as a hint of further transfers of American naval power to Britain.

Keeping Sea-Lanes Open

ADMIRAL STARK SAID THE NAVY'S POLICY WAS TO KEEP THE SEA-LANES OPEN SO THAT AMERICANS "MAY PROCEED ON THEIR LEGITIMATE AFFAIRS" ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

The navy would protect America's coastline and possessions "from any enemy whatsoever and safeguard U.S. interests beyond our shores."

Ahead Of Schedule

Substantial portions of the U.S. naval expansion programme are running ahead of schedule, Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

The U.S. would share its resources to the limit of its security, he added.

This statement has caused speculation whether further transfers of naval vessels to Britain are imminent.

Balanced Fleet

Admiral Stark also said: "We are working for a balanced fleet, with a proper proportion of capital ships, cruisers, aircraft-carriers, submarines, light craft, fast auxiliaries and underwater defences."

"Our aircraft-carrier programme alone will give us the most mobile and most powerful fleet air arm in existence."

Admiral Stark also disclosed that U.S. neutrality patrols are operating at some points as much as 2,000 miles from American shores.—International News Service.

THE CZECH SOKOL MOVEMENT

London is now the headquarters of the Sokol movement, declared the Czechoslovak Minister of Interior, Dr. Slavik, yesterday.

"The Sokol movement, with headquarters in London, will do all it can to help our Sokol brothers in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland."

"When Mr. Churchill recently inspected our troops they carried a standard given by Sokols of the United States; one day they will carry that standard in triumph through the streets of Prague."—Reuter.

TIME LIMITS SET

Time limits have been set by Government for manufacturing firms to submit their schemes for consolidation and concentration of industries.

Voluntary schemes already notified embrace 25 per cent. of the labour force in less essential industries and represent a turnover of £50,000,000.

The President of the Board of Trade declared in the House of Commons yesterday that the time limit for voluntary schemes for cotton spinning firms was fixed for May 15, and for cotton weaving firms at May 27.

IF SCHEMES WERE NOT SUBMITTED BY THOSE DATES, GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE THE QUESTION IN HAND THEMSELVES.

Mr. Oliver Lyttleton announced other dates, not later than May 31, for proposals from less essential industries and added that large and small firms alike, not making arrangements for concentration in a smaller number of units, will have to face certain consequences.

Their labour, in many cases, will have to be taken for munitions or for the armed forces. Moreover, where there is a shortage of raw material, its preferential allocation to nucleus firms will mean the effect will be felt by other firms.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI COUNCIL APPROVED

The Provisional Council of the Shanghai International Settlement, which was voted at the Ratepayers' Meeting on April 17, has been unanimously approved by the Consular Body, states an official communique.

It is understood Chungking has now given the new Council "tacit acquiescence," and the new Councillors are holding the first meeting on May 1.

The Provisional Council alters the basis of foreign representation from five British, two American, two Japanese and five Chinese to three, three, three and four, respectively, plus one each German, Dutch and Swiss.—Reuter.

NO ALERT IN LONDON AGAIN

For the third successive night London had no alert up to a late hour last night, but some bombs were dropped in a district in East Anglia and enemy aircraft were also reported over the south west coast of England.—Reuter

SIMA TO GO ON TRIAL

THE IRON GUARD LEADER, HORIA SIMA, HAS BEEN SUMMONED TO APPEAR BEFORE A MILITARY COURT IN BUCHAREST WITHIN THREE DAYS, ACCORDING TO LYONS RADIO LAST NIGHT.

Sima, who was Deputy Premier in General Antonescu's Government, fled the country when the rebellion in which he was charged as playing a leading part collapsed last January.—Reuter.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on THURSDAY, 1st May, 1941.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 28th April, 1941.

COAT THEFT IN A CHURCH

While a warrant officer was taking Communion at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, two members of the congregation, sitting in a rear pew, quietly slipped out of the Church and with one of them went the officer's coat.

Two hours later, Cheung Lo-pun, 20, was being questioned at the Central Police Station and as a result, he faced charges of theft and receiving before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

How can you charge me with theft when I did not steal it?" queried accused in answer to the first charge.

"Receiving? How could I receive anything which I did not possess?" he retorted in reply to the second charge.

Sticking to this attitude throughout the proceedings and assisted by the fact that the prosecution officer was unable to produce any witness to identify accused as the person who pawned the coat at the Chun Loong Pawnshop, accused was acquitted for lack of evidence.

Quarter-Master Sergeant C. R. Heath, of the Royal Engineers, said he left the overcoat under his cap at the rear of the Church.

He did not discover the loss until after the service.

Accidental Meeting

Mr. A. C. Jeffreys testified that he was sitting in the back row. Accused and another person sat in the same pew, two seats away. Witness went for Communion and on his return saw the two had left.

On the Star Ferry at 10.30 a.m., he happened to meet the accused, and he requested him to accompany him to the Central Police Station. Accused went willingly.

Chinese Detective Chan Ching stated that accused took him to a pawnshop in Shanghai Street and there the overcoat was recovered. In a statement, accused said it was only when they were in the street that he found his friend had taken the coat.

His friend threatened to implicate him should he "spill the beans."

BRIDGE NOTES

IT ISN'T BAD LUCK!

By The Four Aces

"Isn't this bad luck?" a friend asked us the other day. "I made a perfectly normal rebid and look at what happened to me. Isn't it horrible?"

East, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
East West 60 part score

♠ 2
♥ Q 10 7 4
♦ J 9 8 5 4
♣ K 10 7

♠ J 9 7 4
♥ K J 9
♦ A K 6 3
♣ 3 2

♠ A 10
♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ 7
♣ A Q 9 8

♠ K Q 8 6 5 3
♥ A 8
♦ Q 10 3
♣ J 5

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♣	1♠	1NT	Pass
2♣	2♠	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West, our friend related, opened the three of clubs and East won with the Queen. The singleton diamond was returned, leading to the cashing of two top diamonds and a diamond ruff by East. A low heart came next, South ducked, and West won with the heart King.

West next led his remaining club to East's Ace, and East returned a low club. Poor South had already lost six tricks, and was bound to lose three more no matter what he did! Actually, he discarded the heart Ace and West ruffed. Then West returned his low diamond, East ruffing with the trump Ace, and West still had a natural trump trick.

South lost 1,100 points on the hand, but it wasn't bad luck. It was his own fault, and we hope it taught him a lesson. (The chances are it didn't, however, for most players can give up anything but a bad habit.) He might have complained of bad luck if his perfectly normal bid of one spade had been doubled and set 800 points. But he was just asking for trouble when he bid two spades, and it served him right when he got it.

He should have been warned by West's no-trump bid and by his partner's pass. Of course was tempted by the hope of preventing the opponents from making an easy game—and he succeeded in that aim. But it wasn't worth 1,100 points.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K 10 7 6
♥ K 5 4 2
♦ 6
♣ A J 9 8

The bidding:
Maier Schenken You Jacoby
1♠ Pass (?)

ANSWER:—Bid three spades. There is little point in bidding a suit before raising spades, because your strength is general rather than localised.

Score 100% for three spades, 60% for two clubs, 40% for two hearts.

Question No. 703

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q J 8 5
♥ K J 8 6
♦ J
♣ K 10 5

The bidding:
Maier You Jacoby Schenken
1♥ (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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ARMAMENTS PRODUCTION IN INDIA

SIGNIFICANT OF THE cooperation between India and England in the matter of armaments production is Mr. Bevin's scheme for bringing Indian workers to Britain for training.

A number are coming to be trained at Government training centres and they will return to their own country to use the knowledge they have gained to assist in the development of war industries in India.

Recruitment of the first batch to arrive has been carried out by Indian national service labour tribunals. This first batch is 50 strong and consists of young men about the age of 20. Coming from all parts of India they are men who have already had a certain amount of industrial experience.

These now on the way are only the vanguard. A further batch will follow them and if the scheme is a success others will follow them.

HONG KONG THANKED

Mr. F. G. Maunders, Secretary, Hong Kong Earl Haig's Fund, Hong Kong and China Branch, British Legion, has received the following letter from Captain W. G. Wilcox, of Poppy Day Headquarters:

I now beg to acknowledge with very sincere thanks receipt, through the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, London, of cheque to the value of £350, which together with the sum of £1,200, received in November last, makes a total of £1,550. 0s. 0d. which I am presuming represents the truly magnificent and record result of your 1940 Remembrance Day Appeal and sale of Poppies in Hong Kong and Districts for the benefit of Haig's Fund, and I give you assurance that it is a most welcome and valuable addition to our funds.

We have been very anxious about the result of this year's Appeal in view of the now greater responsibilities of the British Legion and the adverse conditions under which the 1940 Appeal has had to be made.

I am happy to say, however, that there has been a widespread recognition of our difficulties and our greater needs, and the people of this Country, together with our many friends overseas, have given with conspicuous generosity for their emblems of remembrance.

Will you please find some means of expressing our deep thankfulness to our friends in Hong Kong and Districts who have so very generously supported your Appeal and assure them that their practical sympathy will mean much during the coming year to the men and women who have served their Country and are in need of a helping hand.

May I also thank you, the Members of your Committee and all other helpers very warmly for your valuable work, undertaken at a difficult time and in the face of so many handicaps. You have made a really valuable contribution to what I am sure will prove to have been a remarkable wartime effort.

HOTEL MANAGER CAUTIONED

Summoned for selling liquor to five Europeans in a room other than the dining room and not in conjunction with a bona fide meal, Yip Wok-ching, of the Sun Sun Hotel, Yaumatei, was cautioned by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

U.S. SENDS HOSPITAL

A giant mobile hospital, a gift from American friends of Britain, has been shipped overseas from New York by the British War Relief Society.

It is the largest field hospital ever constructed in the United States and has beds for a hundred patients.

Before leaving they were entertained in Bombay on behalf of the Government of India, and the meeting was addressed by a number of distinguished Indians, including Mr. Joshi, of the Indian T.U.C.

Training Course

After arriving in London the party will go on to one of 40 government training centres which are training people in Britain and will play a useful part in the drive to increase the production of armaments. There the first period of their training will be spent.

The centre has room for a large number of trainees and 50 of these places will be set aside for the Indians while the rest continue to be filled by English men and women.

The training course will be similar to that given English trainees. In addition to their board and lodging the Indians will receive 8/- a week pocket money and dependent's allowances will be paid by the Government of India.—British Wireless.

TURKISH TRADE AGREEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A trade agreement involving eleven million Turkish pounds has been concluded between Germany and Turkey, according to an Ankara announcement.

Under this agreement, Turkey will supply Germany with tobacco and agricultural products in exchange for German machinery and parts.

A further agreement involving 5 million Turkish pounds is stated to be pending.

A German newspaper in describing the importance of the agreement states that "all differences with Turkey have thus been ended."—International News Service.



Toys do not always quieten the cross baby

Graduate nurse tells of treatment used for her own baby girl.

When toys fail to please baby you may be sure that something is wrong. A Canadian nurse, Mrs. Mary E. Crosthwaite of Freeman, Ontario, tells of the treatment she found successful when her own baby girl was fretful. "My little girl was a small delicate baby at birth, always constipated and cross. When she was a month old I bought Baby's Own Tablets and was so pleased with the results obtained I have used them constantly ever since when baby has been cross, feverish, teething, or at the first signs of a cold.

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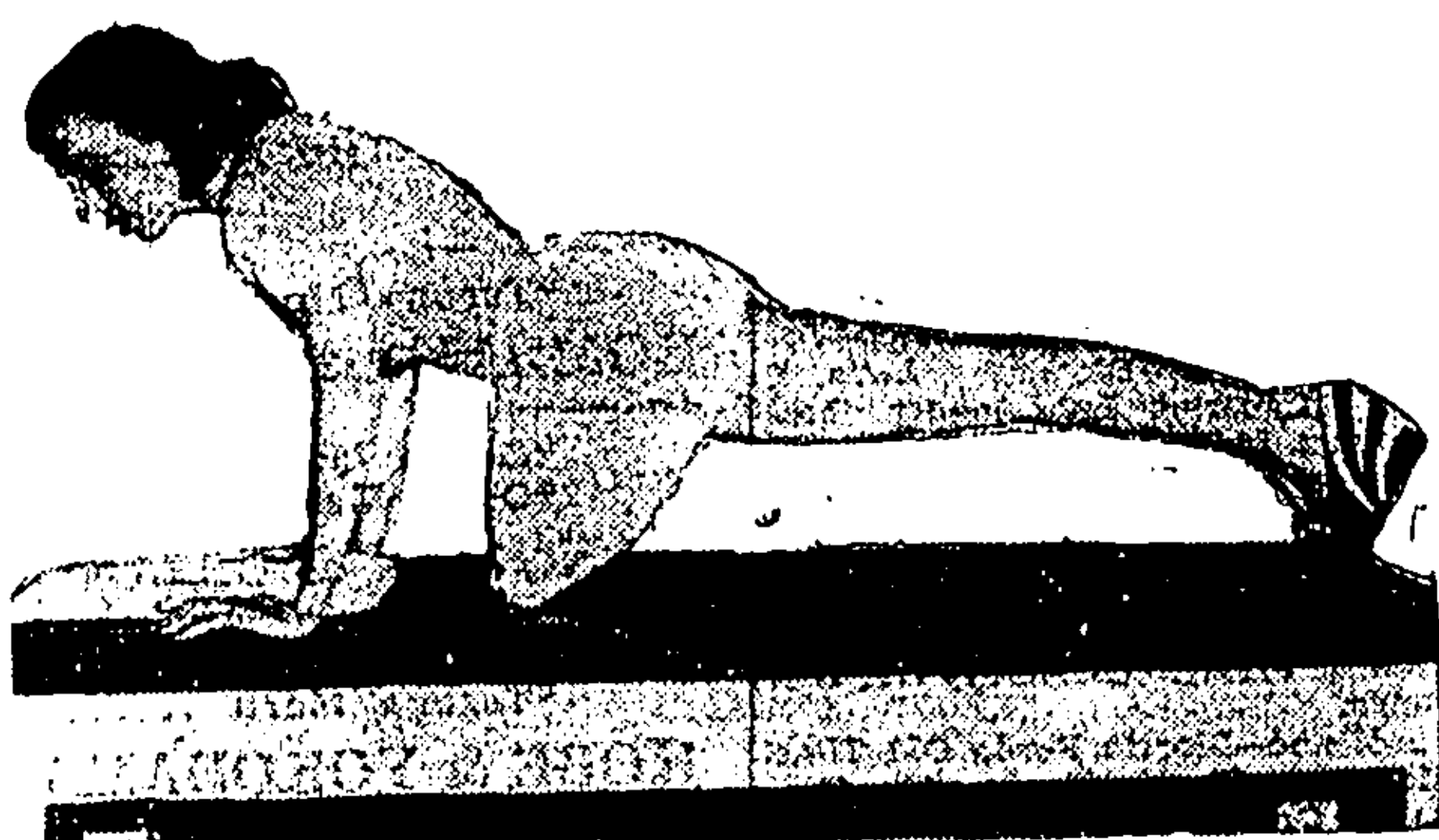
Smooth Figure Bulges

You can if you want to streamline your figure in two weeks, but it does require exercising at least one half hour each day and cutting down on food. No in-between meal snacks, no alcohol, no sweet desserts, almost no starches and meat only twice a week. And here is your daily exercise schedule.

Exercise 1: Lie on your back with legs and arms stretched wide. Keeping both knees straight swing your right leg across your body to your left hand but do not let your toes touch it or the floor. Swing back to position. Use every muscle in your thighs and abdomen as you stretch. Repeat five times. Then swing your left leg to your right hand five times.

Exercise 2: Lie stretched out on the floor. Extend heels, come up to sitting position. KEEPING KNEES STRAIGHT and touch toes with fingers. This requires a good stretching. Then slowly, slowly, slowly lower your upper body to the floor again, as if you were rolling out one vertebra at a time. Flop arms overhead and relax a second or two, and then repeat. Ten times in all.

Exercise 3: Kneel and stretch arms up in the air. KEEP ABDOMEN IN as you drop both thighs right to floor with a thump, rise to kneeling position again and then drop both thighs left with a thump to the floor. This requires a twist at the waistline as you



To reduce fatty back. Slowly raise and lower yourself, keeping knees straight, and head back.

go from right to left to right, etc. Fall down on the fatty part of each thigh—that is what reduces!

Exercise 4: Kneel on one leg, stretch other leg out straight at side. Stretch both arms overhead high and then swing them in a big circle—clockwise five times, counter-clockwise five times. Reverse leg positions and repeat.

Exercise 5: Lie stretched out on the floor, arms relaxed, shoulders flat. Now without budging your shoulders from the floor

twist lower body over right then back to left, etc., fifty times. Swing rapidly and swing far—and roll over and back on the fatty parts of your buttocks. Increase times up to one hundred and fifty per day.

Every single day walk at least two miles, or five if you have the time. Wear loose clothing and low heels. If you cannot walk, jump rope out in the open for ten or fifteen minutes, resting whenever you feel breathless.

These DOUBLE-UPS unite meat course and salad in one dish

As mother used to say, "Nothing so rejoices my soul as finding a way to make one dish take the place of two." That's the way it is with meat and chicken salads. They're meat courses and salad combined.

For luncheon or supper parties I often serve such double-up dishes. For them I start fresh with meat and chicken specially cooked for the occasion.

At other times, though, this same type or main course salad is a marvellous way to end Sunday's roast with a flourish and use up those odds and ends of cooked vegetables reposing lonesomely in the refrigerator.

Now meat, chicken or fish are dry. Therefore, to give them relish and zest in a salad, marinate them awhile beforehand in salad dressing. And the character of that dressing makes all the difference between just a so-so salad and a glory-glory one.

The dressing I like for many of my meat salads is sharp and given extra flair and flavour by tomato soup... you know, the condensed kind that comes thick from the can like sauce. But here is the whole story on two of these salads:

Meat And Vegetable Salad

- 2 cups cooked pork, cut in 1/4 inch cubes
- 1/2 cup French Dressing with Tomato
- 1 cup cooked green peas
- 1/2 cup celery, diced

- 6 tablespoons salad dressing or mayonnaise

Cut roast loin of pork or roast fresh ham into 1/4 inch cubes. Pour the "French Dressing with Tomato" over the meat, and put in refrigerator for 2 hours, stirring occasionally. Then add the cooked green peas and diced celery and just before serving mix well with salad dressing or mayonnaise. Serve on lettuce, watercress, or other salad greens. Or place in centre of tomato jelly ring. Serves 6.

French Dressing With Tomato

- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup salad oil
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 2/3 cup condensed tomato soup

Mix together the dry mustard and salt. Then add the remaining ingredients and beat with the rotary egg beater until thoroughly mixed. Makes approximately 2 cups dressing.

And this same dressing is equally delicious when blended with chicken:

Chicken Avocado Salad

- 3 cups chicken, cut in 1/4 inch cubes
- 1/2 cup French Dressing with Tomato
- 1 cup celery, diced
- 1 cup avocado pear, diced
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice

- 1/2 cup salad dressing or mayonnaise

Cut the chicken into 1/4 inch cubes. Pour the "French Dressing with Tomato" over the chicken, and let stand in refrigerator about 2 hours, stir occasionally so that the dressing is well mixed through the meat. Add diced celery and avocado pear sprinkled with lemon juice just before serving, then blend with the mayonnaise or salad dressing. Serves 8.



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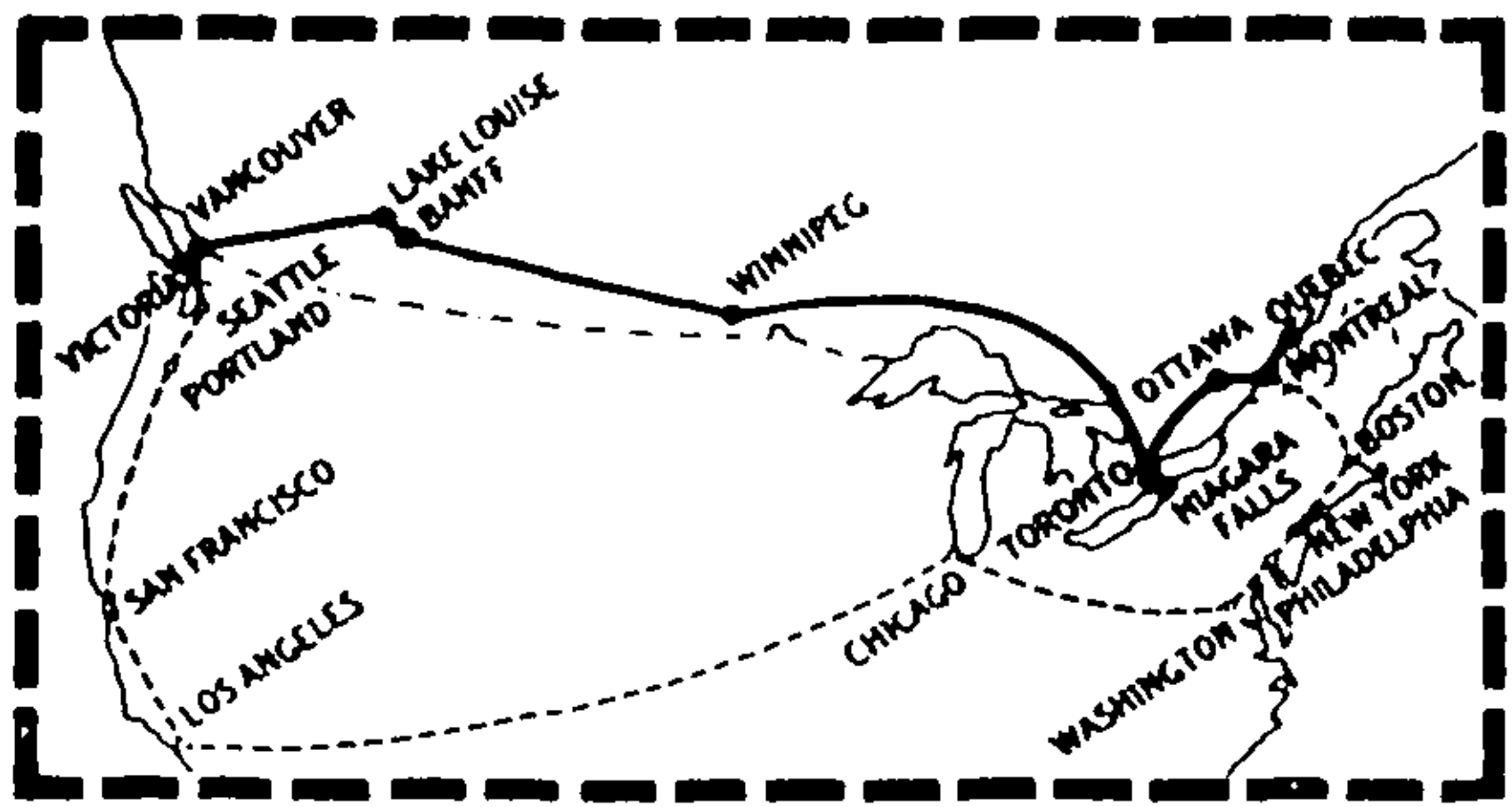
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The Fair Maid of Perth—Suite: (1) Prelude, (2) (a) Aubade, (b) Serenade, (3) March, (4) Gypsy Dance.
Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orch.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
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Slow Fox-Trot—Moonlight & Roses; Quickstep—Something Tells Me... Henry Jacques & his Correct Dance Tempe Orchestra.
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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.
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Vocal Give A Little Whistle, Turn on the Old Music Box (both from film "Pinocchio")... Arthur Askey with Orchestra.
Vocal Nice, Kind Sergeant Major (Burnaby, Long), In Our Village A.R.P. (James, Long)... Norman Long.
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Vocal Roll Along, Covered Wagon (Kennedy) Walsh & Barker.
Comedian—E's A Wonder (Burnaby), Soured Terrors (Burnaby)... Will Kings.
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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News & News Commentary.
9.15 p.m.—Studio—Letter from Free China.
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Nicolette, Ronde... The Lyons Mixed Chorus.
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9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
10.00 p.m.—Studio—The Third of a Series of Talks on Drama of Yesterday and To-day with excerpts from Famous Plays by the Studio Players. Arranged by Evelyn Wood.
10.35 p.m.—Arntzenius—At the Court of Frederick the Great—Musica Antiqua. Speakers: N. Dainton, C. Barrett, N. Angier, H. Sartor, directed by Nicholas Roth.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

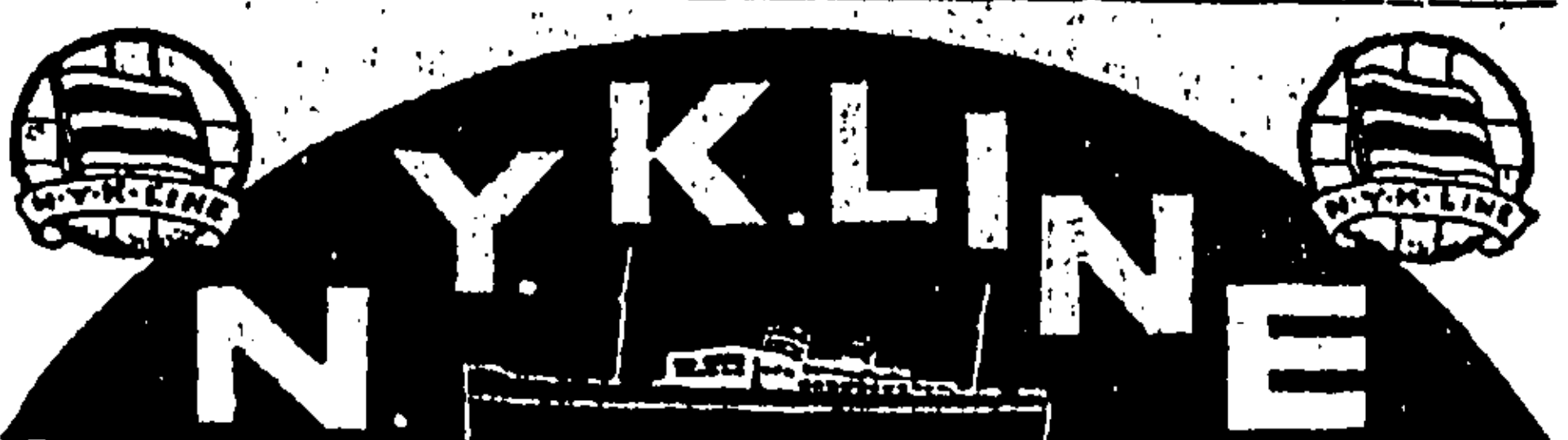
BRITISH GIFTS TO B.F.R.D.C.

Immediate result of Sunday's broadcast by Madame Chiang Kai-shek, which was relayed from Chungking by the B.B.C. and was heard perfectly all over Britain, was a further £500 subscribed to the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

This announcement evoked loud applause at the Fund's annual meeting in London yesterday presided over by Lord Donoughmore. The Lord Mayor of London then read a letter from the Sino-British Cultural Association, in Chungking enclosing £1,840 from Association members as an expression of their great sympathy with the suffering people of England.

Britain's sympathy with China was all the keener since we learned what aggression really means, continued the Lord Mayor.

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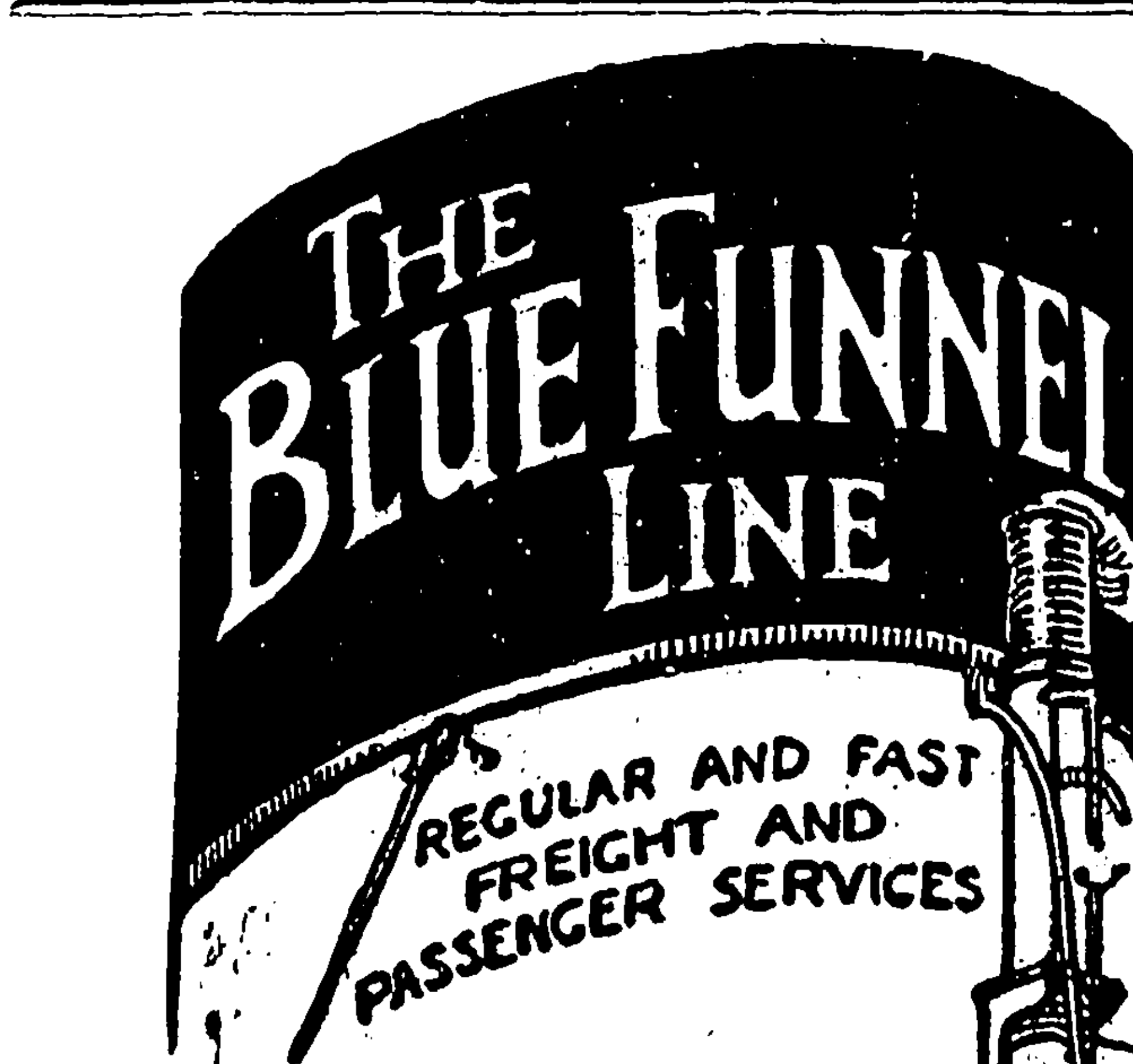
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World Fair View Sets Record Despite Heavy Track

Handsome Dividend Paid On The "Daily Double"

By "Rapier"

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING ON SATURDAY WAS A DISTINCT SUCCESS. FEARS OF UNFAVOURABLE WEATHER CAUSING A POSTPONEMENT WERE DISPELLED WHEN, AFTER A GLOOMY MORNING, THE SKY CLEARED SOMEWHAT AND THE AFTERNOON'S RACING PASSED OFF WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

Racing on the whole was exceptionally keen, but in view of the heavy state of the course, it was a surprise to see one record bettered.

Mr. H. C. Pih scored three wins and two seconds to top the list of winning jockeys, while Mr. L. B. Chao was second with three wins and a second, the former breaking the 1-1 4 Miles record for China ponies, under the new scale of weights, on World Fair View.

Honours among owners went to Mr. Li Lan-Sang with two wins and two seconds, including the coveted St. George's Plate.

The first race, the Taimoshan Handicap for "D" Class, China ponies, resulted in a win for Blue Field (Mr. Chao). The public favoured Lovely View (Mr. Pih), and its defeat can be attributed to the fact that Mr. Pih took too much out of the pony at the initial stage of the race and the best it could do was to place second.

Lovely View jumped out to take the lead following by Celtic Star (Mr. Botelho), Strathbannock (Mr. Black) and Blue Field. This order was maintained until after passing the Rock when Mr. R. K. C. Chui sent Lovely Star forward to take second position, which it held until the last quarter, when it was passed by Blue Field and Eve of Hunting (Mr. Coppin).

Vanguard's Fine Run

In the second race, the Canterbury Park Stakes, punters made Vanguard favourite on the strength of its last performance and they were not disappointed as the pony came out with flying colours to win from Prairie View, the second pony, by three lengths.

On the rise of the barrier, King's Welcome (Mr. Needa) went into the lead, followed by Prairie View (Mr. Pih) and Amusement Tax (Mr. Wei). After passing the Rock, King's Welcome fell back and Prairie View came up to first position with Vanguard (Mr. Chang) in close attendance. On entering the home straight Vanguard came through strongly to pass Prairie View and win quite easily; Gay Fox (Mr. Poy) was third.

St. George's Plate

The St. George's Plate, over the Champions distance, was the principal event of the day. World Fair View (Mr. Pih), made hot favourite, fully justified the confidence placed in it. The race started with Avon (Mr. Black), Sam's Choice (Mr. Hearne), Hughber (Mr. Trevorton), and World Fair View bunched together with the remainder of the field a couple of lengths behind.

After passing the Stands, World Fair View took the lead, followed by Eve of Darning (Mr. Yuen), Hughber, Sam's Choice and Galaxy (Mr. Wei), but on passing the half mile post Mr. Wei sent Galaxy forward to take second position with Hopeful Star (Mr. K. I. Ip) and Johnber (Mr. Chao) following.

On rounding the Village bend Galaxy, on being passed by Johnber and So Nice, gave up the struggle. Coming into the straight World Fair View had such a commanding lead that its win was a foregone conclusion, and it reached the winning post six lengths ahead of Johnber.

For third place a great tussle ensued between So Nice and Avon, which came up with a terrific burst, but the former had the bet-

ter of the argument by a neck. In winning this race in such an effortless manner, in 2.23, World Fair View clipped 2-1/5 seconds off Navy's record.

Well Handled Pony

The fourth race, the Charters Towers Stakes, resulted according to expectations. Mountain View's win gave Mr. Pih his second success of the afternoon.

There was hardly anything of interest in the race beyond the fact that Nomine Poenae (Mr. S. W. Lee) and Mountain View fought out the finish. The latter won by 2 1/2 lengths and, four lengths away, Iron Belle (Mr. Wei) filled third place.

Pih's "Hat-Trick"

The first leg of the "Daily Double" was decided on the Broken Hill Handicap (First Section) for "B" Class Australian ponies. Much was expected of The Nineteenth Hole (Mr. Hearne), but after running well up to a certain stage, it faded out of the picture. A Happy Time (Mr. Tao) made the running fairly fast and led until the home stretch, at which stage Mr. Pih, on Man-O-War, took command and romped home to win by length and a half to complete his "hat-trick." National Courage (Mr. Chang) was third another four lengths away.

Favourite Only Second

The Koala Stakes (First Section), over the 1 1/4 miles distance, found punters betting strongly on Bugle (Mr. Wei), but it disappointed badly by only securing second place.

Seal River (Mr. Black) took the lead at the outset, followed by Casino (Mr. Pih), Archber (Mr. Gregory) and Bona Vacantia (Mr. Chao). On passing the six furlongs post, Casino overtook Seal River to take the lead up to the half mile post, when Archber forged ahead to assume command, followed by Bona Vacantia and Bugle. Coming into the home straight, Bona Vacantia with Bugle in hot pursuit, overhauled Archber, and, although Mr. Wei tried hard, he had to be satisfied with second place. Seventy Six (Mr. Hearne) was third, just having the better of Archber by the narrowest margin.

"Double" Pays \$189.10

Those who successfully nominated Man-O-War to win the first leg of the "Daily Double" were not presented with too great a problem in making the right choice in the second leg, which was the first section of the St. Kilda Stakes.

The race was won by Royal Sovereign (Mr. Tao), which overtook Newborn Star (Mr. Proulx) on rounding the Village bend, and never looked back. Mr. Hearne made a great effort on Anzac Day but was unable to make any impression on the winner. Newborn Star was third. The Koala Bear (Mr. Wei) the favourite, was a disappointment, probably due to



the heavy state of the course which did not suit the pony.

There were 64 ticket-holders in the "Double", who had faith in Royal Sovereign, and they were each rewarded with \$189.10.

Tien Tien's Race

The eighth race, the second section of the Koala Stakes, resulted in a favourite responding to the confidence placed in it. Tien Tien, ably ridden by Mr. S. W. Pan, obliged this time.

Sunspot (Mr. R. K. C. Chui) was the first away, with Corvette (Mr. Trevorton) and Strathbannock (Mr. Black) in close attendance. These positions were maintained until after passing the six furlongs post, when Sunspot fell back. It was here that Corvette took the lead and so well was it running that a win was indicated, but undaunted, Mr. Pan secured game response from Tien Tien, which shot forward near the end to pass Corvette and win by length and a half, with Strathbannock, trailing many lengths behind, third.

Daylight Fails

In the ninth race, the St. Kilda Stakes (Second Section) over the six furlongs, Daylight (Mr. Wei) was made firm favourite, but it failed dismally. On the rise of the gate, Ophir (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) jumped out first followed by Googly (Mr. K. I. Ip) and Tobaccoship (Mr. Botelho). On reaching the Rock, Ophir gave up the fight and Googly took the lead, followed by Tobaccoship. Angel of Glory (Mr. Black) and Twinkling Star (Mr. Craven).

In the straight Googly was still ahead but Mr. Black applied pressure on Angel of Glory which responded magnificently to pass Tobaccoship and then Googly. It reached home an easy winner by two lengths from Twinkling Star, which came up in a belated rush to take second place from Tobaccoship.

The Best Return

The last race of the day, the Broken Hill Handicap (Second Section) provided the best win dividend of the day—\$98.10—Mr. Chao riding a clever race on Catterick Bridge to beat Contact (Mr. Needa).

The race started with several ponies bunched together. On reaching the straight for the first time, Joan (Mr. Yuen) took the lead, followed by Happy Returns (Mr. Wei) and Lex Fori (Mr. S. W. Lee).

On passing the six furlongs post Lex Fori shot forward to take the lead which it kept to the Village bend, when Catterick Bridge came out of the pack to overhaul Lex Fori and take first position, with Contact, Vixen-Tor (Mr. Hearne), and Venus Bay (Mr. Pih) in attendance.

In the straight Catterick Bridge had the advantage of a few lengths lead from Contact and despite Mr. Needa's determined effort to make up the leeway, it went on to win with a length and a half to spare. Vixen-Tor was third.

Catterick Bridge's win was well merited, and it was to a great extent due to the superb riding of Mr. Chao.

Prior to the start Y. K. Tu was taken for a joy-ride to the Football Stands by Optima Fide, where the pony refused to move. The pony collided with the stone wall, and Mr. Tu had to dismount, and as it was getting late, and the pony was becoming more and more restless, Mr. Walker was sent to recall the jockey, the pony then being led back to the stables.

DAZZLING FIELDING GIVES INDIANS SOFTBALL TITLE

By "Grandstand"

THE INDIANS RETAINED THEIR INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL TITLE WHEN THEY TRIUMPHED OVER THE UNITED STATES CONTINGENT ON SUNDAY BY 6-2, WHILST THE CHINESE CUTIES HANDED THE PORTUGUESE LASSIES A 13-5 TRIMMING IN A GAME SPARKED BY ULIAN KHOO'S BASE-CLEANING DOUBLE, TO TAKE THE SERIES FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEAR.

In the absence of Willie Wilson, who patrolled the centre patch for the Stars and Stripes last week, the Mighty Mohawks carried the banner for Uncle Sam. If those were the marauding Mohawks, they sure were the tamest bunch of Injun warriors I've ever set my eyes on, whilst mentor Markar Sr.'s Indians just couldn't be beaten last Sabbath, as they annexed Jimmy King's Shield for the second year running in a dazzling fielding display before their loyal supporters, who turned out en masse, per custom.

Mound victor Kassa Nazarin limited the Waggonermen to only four scattered blows in a steller slab performance, walked none and fanned none, whilst hurler Cy Jones was nipped for four bingles, passed two Markermen to first and whiffed one.

Indians Take Lead

The Indians shot into the lead with a whoop as Jindoo "Muscle-bound" Hussain dented the counting-station when Cy Jones fumbled Markar Jr.'s dump, whilst Markar crossed the pan on Savage Hassan's blistering grounder through the keystone to chalk up two tallies in the first frame.

In the Waggonermen's home half of the inning, Hank Sperry spanked Nazarin's easy offering for a single, but was caught pilfering second. Joe Morris next succumbed when he rolled an easy bounder to second-sacker Baby Abbas, and although Johnnie Schaberg singled to centre, Pete Fitch grounded out, for a two-hit no-run inning.

In the next chapter, both sides paraded three batters to the plate and back again in an air-tight fielding display, high-lighted by first-sacker Markar's brilliant catch of Moithen's foul fly, which he chased all over the park.

In the third heat Kitchell singled, but was forced at second by Baby Abbas, whilst a brilliant double-killing retired the side without further damage. The Mohawks threatened in their half, but Johnnie Schaberg only tapped out a slow roller with ducks in the pond.

More Counters

Two hits and a sacrifice, assisted by two miscues, produced another three counters for the Indians in the fourth, but the lead was slimmed as the Waggonermen staged a two-run uprising on two blows, including Pete Fitch's wallop with none aboard, which dented the left field fence and would have been good for a four-master, only the Big Chief skidded at third and had to be content with a three-bagger.

A single and two fielder's choice plays presented manager Chuck "Heh! Heh!" Waggoner the opportunity to be the golden haired hero of the day, but he only succeeded in forcing Ernie Hearther at the plate on a feeble bunt. Hank Sperry fled out to end the chapter.

The Indians chalked up another marker in the fifth canto to clinch the game, Abbas making second on a bobbie, and trotting home on twirler Jones' wild heave.

For the remaining three semesters the Americans were shut out in a perfect fielding display, centre-fielder Big Boy Bakar coming up with a fielding gem when he

shoestrung Lou Leight's blooper to short centre.

Hassan Best Batter

Savage Hassan had the best batting day, being good for two in three, whilst Pete Fitch banged in the only extra-base clout with a hefty triple.

The Mohawks dished up two double erasures, when Lou Leight clanked his hands on Hussain's liner and pegged Abbas off first, and again when Sherry Bux, who had wheeled a walk, was tossed out by Waggoner at second, whilst Pete Fitch, who was covering the bag, pivoted the pill to Ernie Earther at first to snuff Abbas to complete the double play.

CHINESE OUTHIT PORTUGUESE

By "Grandstand"

Outhitting an erratic Portuguese squad, the Chinese maidens slugged their way to a 13-5 victory, to annex the Molthen trophy.

Mary Ng, for the winners, whiffed two and walked five, whilst Thelma Collaco, who toiled on the slab for the losers, fanned one and passed one.

Playing heads up ball for the first two frames, the Portuguese defence busted wide open in the third, as the Chinese femmes chalked up a cluster of four markers on three miscues and two blows, including Ulian Khoo's Ruthian wallop which cleared the crowded bases.

In the same inning, Therese Noronha, who now knows the reason why the third base has been named the "hot corner," switched with left gardener Theresa Marques.

Another spurge of five runs dented the pay-off station as the Chinese Cuties plastered hurler Collaco for three blows, and sewed the game up with three more tallies in the sixth on a pair of singles and three Portuguese bobbles.

Two Runs Scored

The losers left two stranded on the base-paths in the first, and two frames. Two bingles and one Chinese miscue netted them two scored one in each of the next more runs in the fourth, and added only one more in a hitless sixth inning. Hilda "Bambina" Soares pinch-hitting for Ding Lopes fled out to deep right.

Although Thelma Collaco was guilty of four of her teammates' errors, she atoned by cracking out two singles in as many trips to the platter, whilst Ulian Khoo connected safely three times in five chances, including a double which chased in three of her mates. Doris Mar poled out the longest hit of the fracas with none aboard.

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By "Adrem"

ANTICIPATIONS OF A RECORD CROWD FOR THE FIRST SERIES OF COLONY BADMINTON FINALS WERE REALISED AND KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB LAST NIGHT WAS PACKED TO CAPACITY, IT BEING OFFICIALLY ESTIMATED THAT OVER 350 PEOPLE WERE PRESENT.

As is fitting, the matches last night produced a much higher standard than hitherto and although the main match of the evening, which had attracted the crowd, was to a certain extent disappointing, there were rallies which produced some of the most brilliant badminton ever seen in the Colony.

Choy Kok-wah, the University undergraduate, is the new singles champion. His arrival in Hong Kong this season has revealed badminton in a new light and there is little doubt that he is the most brilliant player ever to have held the title.

The women's doubles match, although it did not go beyond two games, was much closer than the scores suggest and it was only their experience that enabled the Misses Silva and Xavier to beat the hard-hitting Mrs. Torrible and Mrs. Zimmermann.

The junior singles was probably the most thrilling match of the evening and, considering it was a junior match, the standard was remarkably high. Young was expected to win but Chelliah had not been seen in a big match this season and no one expected him to put up such a really fine showing.

The junior doubles was a keenly-contested encounter and again the sides were much better matched than would be suggested by Blyth were the better combination the scores. Fisher and Wynter-ton and made fewer mistakes.

Wong Off Form

There is no gainsaying the fact that the better man won the singles but how much closer the result would have been had Wong been at the top of his form is a matter for conjecture, although it is possible that his game was broken up by the all-court play, and terrific smash of his opponent.

It was this smash of Choy's that really governed the match, although the University player, as in no other match he has played in locally thus far, showed uncanny accuracy with his short game. He also easily matched Wong in the matter of disguise of direction, which it was thought, might enable Wong to keep Choy on the wrong foot and thus offset the latter's smash.

Choy's physical make-up plays a big part in his success. Wong can drive and smash as accurately, and with as much force as the next player, but except for a few isolated occasions yesterday, Choy, with a couple of strides, was across the court with such speed that he had any amount of time to work out the direction and possible effect of his next stroke.

Wong was playing a losing game almost all the time but I did admire the way he continually changed his tactics in an effort to stop the rot. He started off serving conventionally, clearing to as near the baseline as possible. Choy, however, merely coiled himself like a huge spring and unleashed smash after smash for which Wong had no answer.

The Chinese "Y" player then concentrated on the short service, with an occasionally clearing shot to his opponent's backhand. Unless that clearing shot was 100 per cent. accurate, however, Choy smashed and killed, and when it was accurate, he had little difficulty in clearing in the effortless manner at which he is so adept on the backhand.

When he was meeting with most success, in the second game when he drew up from 4-9 to 7-9, Wong was playing drops all the time and although he won several points, it was during this period that Choy showed his ability to play the short game every bit as accurately.

I formed the impression that Wong was nervous as he consistently hit the netcord or smashed wide of the sidelines but under no circumstances do I think he would have won as Choy was his master in every phase of the game.

Most Thrilling Match?

The second game of the junior singles match between Young and Chelliah was easily the most thrilling of the evening. Young set a very high standard in the first game which he took at 15-9. In the second he went on to 11-1 but it then appeared to me that he slackened somewhat. Chelliah staged a spectacular recovery and slowly made up the leeway with Young in the later stages showing signs of nervousness and loss of touch. "Setting" at 13—all, with the house in a great state of excitement, Chelliah secured the game at 18-15.

His efforts in the previous game had evidently taken a lot out of him for Chelliah gave little opposition in the third game and Young went out for game and set at 15-8 and was never in any difficulty.

Better Balance

Fisher and Wynter-Blyth showed somewhat more balance than Pereira and Xavier and won two closely-contested games for a straight games win. Xavier played some nice shots at the net and positioned himself excellently but Pereira's smashing, which has carried this pair to success hitherto, was very inaccurate last night.

Good Combination

The fine all-round game of Miss Silva and the splendid courtcraft of both players, enabled the Recreio combination to win the women's doubles title. Miss Xavier was at her best when playing the short game and both girls covered each other very well.

PATH OF CLUBHEAD

By BEST BALL

The clubhead which travels low along the ground in the impact area is thereby allowed a good margin for error. By this is meant that it may contact the ball at any point within a fair portion of its swinging arc and still turn in a swell job. Such a swing is of course favoured over the stroke which requires impact at an exact spot in the swinging arc. The latter method gives little leeway for mistakes typical of strokes started back by wrist roll. Harry Vardon was seldom off the fairway (some say never) during the years he was building up his great golfing record. His swing travelled low along the line of flight for the space of a foot on both the up-stroke and down, enhancing his chances of hitting the ball properly.

This type of hitting is initiated in the low to the ground method by which the club is taken back. This is accomplished by pushing the club back with the left hand.



THE NEW SINGLES CHAMPION

Mrs. Torrible played a hard-hitting game featured by some good recovery-work but Mrs. Zimmermann was palpably nervous and her game suffered in consequence. Nevertheless there were some good rallies and interest was always maintained.

The final series will be played on Thursday, when the prizes will be distributed, and those intending to be present are advised to be in their seats before 8.30, when the programme is due to commence, or the chances are there will be no seats!

RESULTS

OPEN SINGLES
K. W. Choy beat Patrick H. Wong (holder) 15-6, 15-8.

JUNIOR DOUBLES
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth beat C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier 15-11, 18-14.

JUNIOR SINGLES (Semi-Final)
T. S. Young beat D. Chelliah 15-9, 15-18, 15-8.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES
Miss M. Silva and Miss M. A. Xavier beat Mrs. A. Zimmermann and Mrs. D. Torrible 15-7, 15-7.

MIDDLESEX SKATING CARNIVAL

Middlesex Regiment are holding for the first time in the history of the Garrison a skating Carnival at the Kowloon Skating Rink, Nathan Road at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

The programme consists of the following events:—
Inter-Coy. Hockey competition for which eight teams have entered.

Open events of Four and Eight laps (open to the Colony).
Inter-Coy. Races and other events.

Arrangements are in the hands of R.S.M. Challis.

GRAPHIC GOLF



In co-ordination with the body turn, so that it hugs the ground for the first foot or so of the journey upward.
Next Article—Funch And Precision

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent their respective clubs in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday.

K.B.C.C.

"A" First Division v Kowloon Docks (Away):—W. L. Walker, W. McNeill, S. Randle and A. Holland (Skip).

R. P. Phillips, H. White, J. G. Meyer and A. J. Hall (Skip).
L. Sykes, J. C. Gill, A. Hyde Lay and G. H. Sherriff (Skip).

"B" First Division v Recreio (Home):—V. C. Dixon, W. C. Hodder, H. Lockhart and R. Duncan (Skip).

A. Morton, P. A. Peckham, D. W. Waterton and J. McKelvie (Skip).

E. Seard, G. W. Deacon, E. A. Atkins and L. Guy (Skip).

Third Division v Craigengower (Away):—J. A. Fraser, Sir A. MacGregor, E. V. Searle and H. Nish (Skip).

W. M. Wilson, S. C. Walker, L. Jordan and K. C. Hamilton (Skip).
W. H. Organ, C. E. Langley, J. S. Dimmen and G. E. F. Thompson (Skip).

KOWLOON TONG

Second Division v K.C.C. (Away):—H. A. Castro, J. Tong, A. Madar and A. J. Kew (Skip).

N. MacKay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip).

H. Gittins, M. S. Phoon, A. E. Castro and W. J. Howard (Skip).

Reserve:—H. Y. Hsu.

K.C.C.

First Division v Civil Service C.C. (Away):—A. E. Perry, A. W. Smith, L. Jack and E. C. Fincher (Skip).

A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, N. J. Bebbington and T. A. Madar (Skip).

Geo. Lee, G. E. Taylor, A. W. Ramsey and J. Fraser (Skip).

Second Division v Kowloon (Home):—R. S. Capell, F. A. Faber, V. C. Labrum and T. W. Carr (Skip).

T. R. Hunter, E. C. Curtis, J. M. Jack and R. S. Meadows (Skip).

A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, R. Leigh and A. Steven (Skip).

P.R.C.

First Division v Indian R.C. (Away):—G. Perkins, F. N. A. E. Carey and E. G. Post (Skip).

A. Soutar, H. Brown, W. Hardy and W. Mair (Skip).

W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip).

Third Division v Indian R.C. (Home):—C. Gough, R. C. Fitches, A. J. Johnson and F. Channing (Skip).

J. Hayward, J. S. Riddell, J. R. McWalter and A. Aitken (Skip).

W. Howell, G. Davies, J. McDonald and J. Alexander (Skip).

Reserves for both teams:—C. Pile, C. Willcox, J. Hunter, W. Willerton, S. Smith and R. McKenzie.

RECREIO

First Division "A" v C.C.C. (Home):—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, J. F. V. Ribeiro and C. G. Silva (Skip).

L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva (Skip).

F. X. Sogres, H. A. Alves, J. E. Noronha and R. F. Luz (Skip).

First Division "B" v K.B.C.C. (Away):—E. M. Silva, C. H. Basto, J. C. Remedios and J. J. Basto (Skip).

D. C. Alves, F. A. Machado, Ed. Sousa and B. Basto (Skip).

C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues and A. P. Gutierrez (Skip).

Second Division v H.K.C.C. (Home):—E. L. Barros, F. X. Monteiro, C. M. S. Alves and O. P. Remedios (Skip).

A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, Fred A. Xavier and J. R. Soares (Skip).

J. D. Remedios, F. J. A. Marques, A. F. Noronha and J. A. Remedios (Skip).

Third Division v H.K.C.C. (Away):—G. A. Pinna, F. H. Carvalho, M. F. Pinna and F. A. Yvanovich (Skip).

F. Sequeira, J. O. Remedios, H. M. Xavier and M. A. Carvalho (Skip).

L. A. Rozario, E. A. S. Alves, M. Mendonca and M. Alarcon (Skip).

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Tennis Championship programme:

OPEN DOUBLES

Semi-Final

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui v G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (Stand Court).

Revised Fixtures

The big match between S. A. Rum-John (holder) and Tsui Wai-pui, fixed originally for last Monday, will be played on Friday.

Following are the revised Colony tennis fixtures for this week:

To-morrow

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Semi-Final

R. E. Guest v M. Pagh (Stand Court).

C. H. R. Oxlade v F. W. Carter (8).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (-3/0) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/0) (4).

Friday

OPEN SINGLES

Semi-Final

S. A. Rum-John v Tsui Wai-pui (Stand Court).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v T. J. Gould (-15/2) (8).

CLUB HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES
C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) v J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Torrible (-15/2) (4).

Finals

The Final of the Open Singles will be played to-day week, and the doubles final on Friday.

K.F.C. BOWLS TEAM FOR TO-DAY

Following have been chosen to represent K.F.C. against the Kowloon Docks R.C. at Hungghom to-day, at 5.15 p.m. sharp:—

A. MacIntyre, C. Dowman, T. Fergusson and W. Simpson (Skip).
A. Lapsley, V. Atienza, V. Chiltenden and W. Field (Skip).
W. Naef, A. Eastman, P. Young-husband and E. Kern (Skip).

FRIENDLY LAWN BOWLS

Following have been chosen to represent Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly Lawn Bowls game against Volunteer Sergeants' on Sunday at 3.15 p.m.

A. E. Perry, R. T. Burch, A. W. Smith and E. C. Fincher (Skip).
A. E. P. Guest, A. H. Martin, W. W. Parsons and T. A. Madar (Skip).

G. Bowden, H. Langley, A. E. Carey and V. C. Labrum (Skip).

R. S. Capell, E. C. Curtis, A. J. Kew and J. Fraser (Skip).
T. R. Hunter, S. A. Gray, R. Leigh and R. S. Meadows (Skip).



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CRITICAL OPERATIONS SUCCESSFULLY GOING ON

Mr. Churchill's Statement In The Commons

QUEEN OF ITALY AT THE VATICAN

The Pope received Queen Elena of Italy yesterday morning and conversed with her over half an hour, according to the Vatican radio quoted by Reuter.

THE CZECH SOKOL MOVEMENT

London is now the headquarters of the Sokol movement, declared the Czechoslovak Minister of Interior, Dr. Slavik, yesterday.

"The Sokol movement, with headquarters in London, will do all it can to help our Sokol brothers in Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Poland.

"When Mr. Churchill recently inspected our troops they carried a standard given by Sokols of the United States: one day they will carry that standard in triumph through the streets of Prague."—Reuter.

Government's Motion For Debate

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY HE WAS SURE THE COUNTRY WOULD NOT WISH TO RECEIVE NEWS OF THE WAR SITUATION WHICH "ADDED TO THE DANGERS OF OUR TROOPS WHEN DELICATE, DANGEROUS AND CRITICAL OPERATIONS ARE BEING SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT."

Loud cheers greeted this pregnant statement, which was made during a Question Time discussion on the possibility of reorganising the Cabinet machinery and of an early parliamentary debate on the general war situation.

The Prime Minister announced a debate would be possible on the first day Parliament sat after this week.

He indicated that Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, might take an important part in the debate, which would be conducted on the basis of a motion which Mr. Churchill read, as follows:

"THIS HOUSE APPROVES THE POLICY OF HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT IN SENDING AID TO GREECE."

Utmost Vigour

Loud and prolonged cheers were raised, after which the Prime Minister continued:

"This House declares its confidence that our operations in the Middle East and all other theatres of war will be pursued by Government with the utmost vigour."

Mr. Churchill had earlier rejected a suggestion to consider appointing a small Supreme War Cabinet of Ministers without departmental responsibilities and including statesmen of the calibre of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies.—Reuter.

U.S. SEAMEN ON STRIKE

ONLY REMAINING AMERICAN STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO EUROPE, THAT FROM NEW YORK TO LISBON, HAS BEEN HELD UP BY A STRIKE OF SEAMEN.

The crew of the steamers "Excelsior" and "Exminster" struck yesterday in sympathy with the crew of the "Siboney," who struck on Saturday.

Cause of the conflict is the men's desire for recognition of their Trade Union.—Reuter.

U.S. COAL STRIKE ENDED

THE STRIKE IN THE U.S. BITUMINOUS COAL FIELDS ENDED YESTERDAY WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNITED MINeworkers UNION THAT PRODUCTION OF SOFT COAL WOULD BE RESUMED TO-MORROW MORNING.

The Union's move followed a notification to President Roosevelt by Southern coal operators that they would accept his proposal to reopen the mines while wage negotiations are continued.—Reuter.

RICE PRICE IN SHANGHAI RISING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The price of rice in Shanghai rose to a new level yesterday with number one Saigon rice quoted at \$140 per zab.

The sensational increase was due to "rumours" that rice from next month onwards would be further raised.

The Rice Guild estimated present stocks at 1,400,000 bags.—International News Service.

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STOP PRESS

AXIS "GET TOGETHER"

The second of a series of Axis "get together" meetings was held in Rome yesterday, states the German news agency.

The so-called "Constituent Assembly" of the Three-Power Pact met with Ciano presiding and the German and Japanese Ambassadors present.

It is understood that another meeting on similar lines will shortly be held in Tokyo, with Mr. Matsuoka in the chair.—Reuter.

CAPTAIN ROOSEVELT FOR LONDON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") In a further striking gesture of friendship and goodwill towards embattled Britain, the U.S. Government yesterday assigned Capt. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, to London, it was reported in authoritative Government quarters in Washington.

Capt. Roosevelt, who is a Marine Officer, will go to the British capital for duty as Assistant Naval Attache in the U.S. Embassy there, the same sources state.—International News Service.

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